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**WHAT HAPPENED TO WALES?**  
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ABOVE: Rhose Lifeguards nippers and juniors competed in the Welsh Championships recently.  
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## CONCERN OVER CHANGES TO ROUTINE DENTAL SERVICES AT BARRY HOSPITAL

PLAID CYMRU councillors have expressed concern that routine dental services are being withdrawn at Barry Hospital – but the local health board told The GEM it was “undertaking a tender process to fully replace the NHS dental contract in the affected area”.

A letter to patients from the Community Dental Service in December explained: “A special care dental provision will continue to be based at the hospital, but there will be no provision for routine patients.”

A spokesperson for Cardiff and Vale Health Board said: “We can confirm that the dentist who provided dental services at Barry Hospital has retired. “We are in the process of informing patients affected and will be undertaking a tender process to fully replace the NHS dental contract in the affected area.”

Patients were informed that they could make alternative arrangements for treatment. They were given the contact details of three local dentists so they could apply to them.

Local Plaid Cymru councillors had condemned the failure of Labour Ministers to safeguard the service.

Coun Ian Johnson, who represents a town centre ward, told The GEM: “We fear that this is part of a pattern of reducing health services across the

Vale to save money.

“At the same time, they tell us all is well in their hands. The truth is that the health service in Wales is being mismanaged by Labour.

“I fear that inadequate alternative NHS dental services are available.

“They must state how many have found alternative NHS dental services?”

The Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt emphasised: “Investment in health services in Wales has reached record levels thanks to the Welsh Labour Government – this year we are spending £6.7bn on health and social services, rising to £7bn next year.

“More people than ever are accessing dental services and children's oral health is improving, thanks to schemes such as ‘Designed to Smile’.

“Standards and outcomes are improving thanks to the hard work of our NHS staff and record levels of investment in our health services.

“I am also working to secure a new and enhanced future for Barry Community Hospital for student training in support of current services, which needs to involve the full range already provided – including dental services.”

(Story updated Friday, February 12).

## Jail for welder who acted as driver for a drug dealer

A WELDER who acted as a driver for a drug dealer, has been jailed for 18 months at Cardiff Crown Court, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Alan Carter (41) of Cowslip Drive, Penarth, had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates for being concerned in the supply of heroin and was committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Prosecutor Jason Howells said that at 10am on August 5 last year, police saw a known drug dealer, the

passenger in a car being driven in the Penarth area.

The police followed, but the driver, who was Carter, and the passenger abandoned the car and ran off. Police enquiries revealed that the vehicle had been hired by Carter.

He was arrested, admitted being a heroin user, and accepted that he had been driving around a man who supplied drugs.

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## 'MP did not set up a mobile bank'

**I**REFER to the claim made in The GEM last week by Alun Cairns MP, that he arranged for a mobile banking vehicle to come to Llantwit Major, to substitute for the loss of the NatWest Bank.

No, Mr Cairns, you cannot claim that you set this up for customers at Llantwit Major, as it was part of the plan drawn up by NatWest to support customers when the bank closed.

You were given this information, just like everyone else who met with NatWest to discuss the closure.

Jane Hutt AM and I met with the NatWest regional manager when

it was first announced that the bank was closing, and he told us of the plans that he was offering to customers.

One was the arrangement to use the post office at Llantwit Major, and then for a mobile banking service to visit Llantwit Major one morning a week, plus all the other nearby villages.

He did, however, tell us that the mobile bank service would not be available until early in 2016, and he was expecting this arrangement to start in March.

This service may suit some residents, but the majority have now gone elsewhere for their banking and feel totally let down by NatWest. Coun Gwyn John, Llantwit Major.

## Charity shops issue

**L**IKE many Cowbridge residents, I am concerned to see the number of empty shops in our splendid town and alarmed at the thought of any more charity shops.

I was interested, therefore, to read your front page article last week drawing attention to Ross England's letter suggesting ways in which the number of charity shops might be limited.

I feel sure our hard-working AM will have her own views on the subject and I look forward to this being debated in the Senedd, and to reading the views of others through the columns of The GEM. Len Taylor.

## Stand welcomed

*GOOD on Ross England for his commitment to protect our high streets. His comments will no doubt attract criticism from some, but I for one am glad to see a politician who's prepared to stand up for our area and help small businesses survive and thrive.*

Stephanie Wills, Peterston Super Ely.

## Post Office plan forgets disabled

**W**ITH reference to the proposed closure of the Post Office in Holton Road, Barry, I know this will cause a great deal of inconvenience and problems for the many who use it.

I speak from the point of view of being wheelchair-bound and the many other disabled people who use this Post Office – it is entirely disabled-friendly.

Maybe the Post Office could point out where we can find another such facility in the vicinity? When the idea to close this Post Office was discussed, did anyone actually think about the people who use it? I doubt it.

Gill Hands, Barry.

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## Change won't help small traders 'LET'S KEEP OUR SUNDAY SPECIAL'

**L**OCAL shopworkers are very concerned about UK Government plans to devolve Sunday trading hours to councils, and the effects that will have on family life, local shops, and the community.

The change could lead to large shops opening for longer, even though they are already trading for up to 150 out of 168 hours a week, so shopworkers will have even less time to spend with their families.

It won't help small stores, who are already allowed to open whenever they like, and may put some of them out of business. This is a solution looking for a problem that doesn't exist.

It isn't even clear who is actually calling for this change, with many retailers opposing it.

The Sunday Trading Act is a great British compromise, which has worked well for over 20 years and gives everyone a little bit of what they want.

Retailers can trade, customers can shop, staff can work; whilst Sunday remains a special day, different to other days, and shopworkers can spend some time with their family.

We encourage your readers to let their MP know what they think, so their vote in Parliament reflects local views.

John Hannett,  
General Secretary,  
Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW).

FOOTNOTE: What do our GEM readers think? Should Sunday be kept as a special family day?

## Barry town is a match for anyone!

**L**AST Saturday's live televised Welsh Cup match from Jenner Park between Barry Town and TNS was an event that many fans never thought they would see again, after all of the difficulties faced in the past decade.

A crowd of 1,500 people were there, including many new, young fans attending their first ever game and players and supporters from other local clubs, like Cadroxton Barry, Sully Sports and Barry Albion, amongst many others.

The new 3G surface at Jenner Park meant that the match took place when so many other games were postponed because of the awful weather.

A special thanks has to go to Gavin and Hannah Chesterfield for all of their hard work over many

years and to all of the fans, old and new, who help out in whatever way they can.

Barry is a town that is on the up, so let's make special events like Saturday into the ordinary – and live up to our reputation as 'Wales' largest town' in everything that we do!

Coun Ian Johnson, Barry,  
Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales.

## How NOT to free a traffic bottleneck!

**I**HAVE commuted from Barry for almost 20 years and each year my journey takes longer and longer, the longest part being the bit from Barry to Culverhouse Cross.

The main bottleneck is the roundabout where the link road joins Port Road. So what do our council planners do?

They put in cycle paths that no-one will use and top it off with a bus lane at the main pinch point that has squeezed the roads leading up to the roundabout both ways into single lanes.

My bet is the benefit the buses gain will be offset by the longer queues that they too will sit in leading up to it. It will also have an impact on the school buses that

turn right at this roundabout – who are now in the same single queue for all the cars going left to Cardiff. While the above is a commuter 'whinge', a more serious question is, who is deciding that our taxes are best spent on these paths and bus lanes?

I understand there may be specific funding streams for different Government or local council initiatives, but really! In these times of austerity, I would prefer to see my hard-earned taxes being spent on health or education, rather than a bus lane and cycle paths that hardly get used.

I would love to know how many millions have been spent, for what tangible benefits, and what dis-benefits to commuters? Sara Moggridge, Barry.

## Bedroom tax and the 'nasty party'

**O**N the off-chance that there are still some pockets of UK civilisation that have difficulty in understanding why the Tories should be labelled 'The Nasty Party', I would suggest a few moments' consideration regarding the happenings recently, when judges in the Court of Appeal ruled the 'bedroom tax' policy discriminated against victims of domestic violence and disability, may be of assistance in giving some enlightenment

to doubters.

The immediate reaction from the Government of the fifth greatest country (economically) in the world, was to subject the beneficiaries of this ruling to even more misery and hardship by appealing!

Those of us with slightly better than average memories, will recall that this policy was inspired by Ian Duncan Smith, the man who claimed it was easy to get by on weekly benefits. Colin M James, Barry.

## Brexit cash for camp?

**M**R CAMERON will never get (and so has not tried) an assurance that the French will keep the 'jungle camp' open if we stay in.

They could shut it anyway, and plenty want to. It would be better to make it worth their while to keep it, by giving them money from our saved EU subscription, rather than rely on their tenuous goodwill. R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.

## 'Grave vandals, no sense of decency?'

**A**FTER reading an article in The GEM on February 4, regarding a damaged grave, I want to let people know that this is happening regularly.

My wife and I visited our son's grave three weeks ago and found that it had been interfered with. His windmills were stolen,

and some of his ornaments were found lying around and not where we put them.

This type of incident has happened once before at our son's grave. My wife just broke down in tears. I sincerely hope the police find the culprits before I do.

My son was ONE DAY old when he died. Have they no sense of compassion or decency? (Name and address supplied).

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL FEBRUARY 18)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
11 Thur	08.19	10.5	20.39	10.4
12 Fri	08.55	10.4	21.21	10.1
13 Sat	09.47	10.2	22.04	9.7
14 Sun	10.31	9.6	22.53	9.1
15 Mon	11.22	9.0	23.47	8.5
16 Tues			12.25	8.4
17 Wed	00.59	8.1	13.46	8.0
18 Thur	02.16	7.9	15.09	8.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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## BRIDGE AND HOUSES IN DINAS PLANNING LINK?

THERE is a prospect of 50 additional houses and also a proposed new junction from Cardiff Road into Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys.

The two separate applications are clearly linked, as construction of the new junction will require land owned by the applicant of the housing site.

The planning report for the bridge states: "The proposal is for a stretch of new two lane road with a footway. Also included will be a new highway layout for Cardiff Road with a holding lane. A holding lane would also be formed within the new stretch of highway due to the possible



Councillors Chris Franks, Val Hartrey and Keith Hatton at Cross Common Bridge.

development of new housing. Vision splays and a new junction arrangement with Cross Common Road are also proposed."

A footway connection between the area adjacent to the

existing bridge through to the new junction with Cardiff Road is also proposed.

Plaid Cymru councillors say the proposed new section of road is essentially proposed as an improvement over the existing junction between Cardiff Road and Cross Common Road, which currently includes traffic across a narrow bridge, which is aging, has a weight restriction and is in need of replacement.

Coun Val Hartrey and Coun Chris Franks are members of the planning committee and would welcome residents' views on both the applications.

They told The GEM

that there is controversy over linking the application for housing with the construction of the bridge.

Dinas Powys Community Council has stated that the council – "supports the provision of a new junction at Cross Common Road with the A4055 but because we strongly object to any housing development on the adjacent land feel that the construction of this urgently needed junction should not be reliant on the approval of a development of 50 dwellings."

The council has called for additional parking provision along Cross Common Road for residents.

## Restraining order is issued after man spat in young mother's face

FOR four months, a young mother was "in shock and fear" when an ex-boyfriend repeatedly harassed her, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Leighton Drew (23) of Porthkerry Leisure Park, Rhoose, admitted a charge of harassment, causing damage and assault.

He was also in breach of a suspended sentence for supplying drugs and was jailed for a total of eight months.

Prosecutor Claire Wilks said Drew had been in a relationship with a mother of one for a short time.

"But she ended it, and he was not happy,"

She said he frequently went to

### Report by AJ SICLUNA

her Barry home, tried door handles and shouted through the letterbox. Sometimes he would kick the front door.

When she left her home to walk to a friend's house with her child, Drew shouted abuse.

On one occasion, he spat in her face, pulled her hair and called her a snake.

Ms Wilks said that such behaviour continued for some time. She once spotted him in her garden, and he threw stones at her windows.

On another occasion, he kicked the front door off its

hinges. She later stated, "I am in complete fear of him."

Drew's solicitor, Kim Hartland, said: "The relationship is now and well truly over. He has been remanded in custody and has time to reflect on his behaviour."

He was said to have previous convictions for battery, causing actual bodily harm, and violent disorder.

Judge Eleri Rees told him: "You made the life of your ex-partner a misery and you persisted in your behaviour."

A restraining order was made for an indefinite period, banning Drew from having any contact with the woman and entering her address in Barry.

## RNLI team holds AGM

BARRY Dock RNLI fundraising team will be holding their annual general meeting on March 1 at 7.30pm at the RNLI lifeboat station, Barry Island.

All are welcome to attend to hear more about the work of the group that raised nearly £30,000 in 2015 to support the lifesaving work of the charity.

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## 'The council should consider hosting Post Office itself'

PLAID CYMRU councillors have written to the Vale Council's managing director, to consider whether the facilities at Barry's Crown Post Office could instead be hosted at the council's civic offices opposite.

Coun Ian Johnson said: "It is very disappointing that Post Office Ltd is looking to close our Crown Post Office in the centre of Barry."

"The Vale Council already has counter facilities, is disabled-friendly, open similar weekday hours to the current post office, and has the same parking and access issues as the present store. There would be no need to pay additional rent, thereby reducing the costs."

"I don't want to see the Vale Council competing with local businesses, but if there is no appropriate alternative facility for the post office locally, then the council should step in to ensure that services can be provided."

## MEN'S FORUM: MEMORIES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

THE speaker at the Barry Men's Forum last week was Mr Glen Booker, a member of the Barry at War Group and Barry War Museum, whose subject was the effect the war had on people and places in the town between September 3, 1939 and VJ day in 1945.

Glen is certain that the history of the war, the most momentous event of the 20th century, and what took place in our own locality, as well as worldwide, should be recorded for future generations.

Many members remember the supply reserve depot, which was built in 1940, south of Ranks Mill and over towards Sully, and called the SRD No 2, was in fact an immensely important storage depot, which supplied 50 per cent of all food that was

sent overseas to support the war effort. Part of it later became a depot for the Americans called G40.

This facility was staffed by the military, but also employed many local people. With the shortages of food and luxury goods at home, it was inevitable that there was some pilfering and stealing.

Glen said that the 'black market' in Barry was as bad as anywhere, as he showed from articles in the Barry Herald of the time, where gangs had been arrested and charged in Barry court.

New members are welcome; £2 per meeting, from 10.15am to noon. The Forum meets at Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall every Thursday morning.

The next meeting is on February 18, when Alan Morgan will be talking about 'climbing Kilimanjaro'. For further information, contact 02920 594881. PMW

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## 'Wiggy' is taking over Drivetime

SOUTH WALES radio station, Swansea Sound, has announced that a Barry man, Steve 'Wiggy' Wiggins, will be taking over its prestigious Drivetime show from February 15.

Steve, who lives at Cledwen Close with his wife and two young sons, is no stranger to the airwaves.

Having worked previously as breakfast, lunch and drive presenter at Real Radio, he described his new role as



"a fresh challenge and an opportunity too good to miss".

The new show kicks off next Monday, when Steve will be playing 'The Greatest Hits Of All Time' from 2pm until 6pm.

Steve will also

continue to present his Saturday afternoon show on the number one rated station in south-west Wales, 96.4 The Wave.

A spokesman for Swansea Sound said: "We are delighted to welcome Steve onto the drivetime slot."

"We needed someone with a real radio pedigree who could hit the ground running."

"Steve is someone who consistently performs well in Rajar and enjoys interaction with his listeners".

Angela Magee

## Heady talk to the Dinas Powys Probus Club

AT Dinas Powys Probus Club on February 2, Professor Ed Wilding spoke to members on the subject of 'Measuring Brains and Minds'.

He has a PhD in cognitive neuroscience, is Professor of Psychology at Nottingham University, and is researching how we control our memory.

He reminded members that Cardiff University will shortly be opening a brain-imaging facility, at a cost of £44 million, making use of an extremely powerful MRI unit which will be a world leader in research into the human brain.

Phrenology was the term used in the 1700s to 1900s when the size and shape of a man's skull was thought to be an indication of intelligence and

personality, eg. a large forehead was believed to indicate greater brain power.

There is a grain of truth in this idea but research has now taken knowledge far beyond this theory.

The function of an MRI unit (magnetic resonance imaging) is to observe the brain in action, but as the image is delayed by seconds, this is not yet an infallible tool.

Apart from brain damage, research is continuing into the possibility that the brain can grow and absorb more knowledge if stimulated.

The vote of thanks was given by Peter Hilary-Jones, a retired psychiatrist, who joked that having retired some 65 years ago, some of what had been said had passed over his head!

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## Bereaved gran wins Crackerjack lottery

**A GRANDMOTHER from Barry, whose grandson became Britain's youngest ever organ donor, has won the top prize in a charity lottery.**

Debra Carr, who is a long-time supporter of Tŷ Hafan, the hospice for children in Wales, was delighted to learn that she had won the charity's Crackerjackpot lottery weekly top prize of £2,000.

Debra has two very personal reasons for supporting Tŷ Hafan. Her brother died when they were both teenagers, and at that time there was nothing like Tŷ Hafan available for families. This experience gave Debra a genuine understanding of the need for a children's hospice and she wanted to help as much as possible.

Sadly, Debra's connection with the hospice became more personal when her grandson Teddy died last year. Debra's daughter Jess and her partner made headlines when Teddy became Britain's youngest ever organ donor.

Teddy's parents learned that his life would be very short while Jess was pregnant, and were determined that his life would not be in vain. His kidneys



*Debra and Jess with the prize cheque.*

were donated to an adult recipient, providing a lasting legacy for Teddy.

Jess said: "A room was waiting for us at Tŷ Hafan, which we didn't use in the end, as the organ donation was able to go ahead, but Tŷ Hafan has been very supportive to us. Teddy also has his own special stone in Tŷ Hafan's memorial garden."

A delighted Debra said: "I couldn't believe it! I play the lottery as a way to support Tŷ Hafan and never expected to win. It was a lovely surprise."

With 81 guaranteed weekly prizes, including a £2,000 top prize plus a rollover jackpot of up to £12,000, becoming a

member of the Tŷ Hafan Crackerjackpot is an excellent way of supporting a charity which makes a huge difference to life-limited children, young people and their families from across Wales.

### CADOC SURGERY

**CADOC councillors Anne Moore, Fred Johnson and Neil Moore will be holding a surgery for Cadoc residents at the Palmerston Education Centre, Cadoc Crescent, on Thursday, February 25 between 6pm - 7pm. No appointment is necessary.**

# JAIL FOR MAN AFTER 'CHAT ROOM' STING

**A 55-YEAR-OLD man had to be helped to the cells in Cardiff Crown Court when he almost collapsed after being jailed for two years.**

Malcolm Blount of Winchester Close, Barry, admitted seven charges involving attempting to incite a 12-year-old child to engage in sexual activity, possessing indecent photographs of children, and distributing similar photographs.

Judge Tom Crowther QC said: "This is all aggravated by the fact that it involves deliberate and persistent targeting."

"You, as an adult, thought of children as sexual objects. You

should have realised the damage you could have done and the public will be horrified if you didn't receive an immediate custodial sentence."

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said that last June, an undercover police officer came in contact with Blount, who had signed up for "chat hour".

The officer indicated she was a 12-year-old child. Blount said he was 54, from the Cardiff area and indicated that she looked sexy.

The following day, he sent her a message asking her to contact him, day or night. He asked her if she would like to see his genitals

### Report by AJ SICLUNA

and said he would teach her about sex.

He left her explicit, indecent messages and sent her a number of indecent images.

The police later found Blount had 94 indecent images and 52 were of the most serious category.

He was arrested on July 30 and essentially, said Mr Trigg, admitted the incitement offence and that he believed the girl was 12.

"He also said he liked talking to pre-teen girls about sex."

The indecent images were found on his

phone and he admitted he had shared some of them with others.

His counsel, Ruth Smith, said: "His family speak of him in glowing terms, but sadly, he has to face serious issues. He tried to minimise the effect of the offences."

"He is desperate for help and is absolutely terrified of going to prison. He cannot explain how he fell into such a pattern of behaviour."

The Judge made a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

## Welder jailed

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*His counsel, Ruth Smith, said: "He accepts he has to receive a prison sentence. He pleaded guilty at an early stage and was full and frank with the police. It is unfortunate that at the time he was addicted to heroin."*

*"A relationship had split up and he resorted to using drugs which provided him with a bit of a crutch."*

*She said Carter realised he should not have assisted the other man.*

*Judge Tom Crowther QC told him: "It's perfectly clear that you drove him around while he sold heroin. He could not have operated without you, and the offence is so serious that only immediate custody can be justified."*

## WI has tour of Parliament

**A LARGE number of members and visitors attended the February meeting of Rhosue WI, when Alun Cairns talked about the history and traditions of the Houses of Parliament.**

Some members had met Mr Cairns the previous Friday when they toured the Houses of Parliament. Jill Jones said how much everyone had enjoyed this glimpse into the life of an MP.

Members were reminded that the annual meeting of the Glamorgan Federation will take place on May 10 at the Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot.

Dates for the Heritage Link

meetings where Rhosue WI is the host are now confirmed: April 14, an evening event when 'Cloc's Canton' will entertain (£3.50 to include a buffet); June 9, afternoon tea with a fashion show by John Lewis (£3). The carol service will take place at St Peter's Church, Rhosue, on December 5 at 7pm.

Joy Grant won the monthly competition and Jill Jones won the raffle. The next meeting will be the annual eisteddfod on March 3 at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, at 7.30pm, when members will compete for the Joan Pengilly Cup; entertainment will be provided by the members. Visitors welcome. JJ

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## Students collect certificates



Barry Comprehensive year-7 students who participated in the 'Moving-On' project.

## The Barry Rotarians sponsor local 'Youth Speaks' winners

Assistant District Governor Gareth Rees with the winning intermediate team from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and their teacher, Ms Elena Morgan.



## Win the 'voyage of a lifetime'

**YOUNG Barry residents have another chance to win a life-changing sailing experience.**

A COFFEE morning was held recently for Barry Comprehensive School year-7 students who participated in the 'Moving-On' project.

The project was delivered in partnership with Save the Children, the Big Learning Company and Communities First.

Holly Morgan, transition officer for Communities First, has worked with the students over 10 weeks to help them research and create their own film about their experiences of starting secondary school.

The film will be shown to year-6 pupils and their parents.

Holly presented the students with certificates in recognition of their hard work, and everyone involved would like to congratulate the boys and thank their parents for supporting the project.

Barry Town Council, in association with the Tall Ships Youth Trust, has launched the Barry Marine Youth Award for 2016 which will involve an all-expenses paid voyage, in UK waters, sailing as a member of the crew aboard the tall ship Stavros S Niarchos or another vessel, subject to availability.

The award, available to Barry residents aged 12 – 25 years, will offer the opportunity to make new friends, enjoy new and unique challenges and sail aboard a magnificent ocean-going square-rigged tall ship.

Applicants need to apply in writing telling the council why they should be considered for this experience; or if you are a parent, guardian, teacher, youth leader or a member of the public and know of a young person who might benefit from such an opportunity, then nominate them – telling the council why they deserve this chance.

Applications are welcome in Welsh or English and the deadline for applications is Saturday, March 20. Winners will be selected by April 2.

Full details can be obtained from Barry Town Council on 01446 738663 or by emailing [info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk). Check out the Tall Ships Youth Trust on Facebook or their website.

THE Rotary Club of Barry has sponsored the winning team in the Area 4 final of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition, one of several competitions organised by the Rotary movement specifically designed to develop students' skills.

The Area 4 Final was held on February 1 in Cardiff Golf Club and was hosted by the Rotary Club of Llanishen.

Winners in the intermediate section (11–13-year-olds) were the team from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Barry, whose chosen topic was 'Can we "Meat" the expectations?"

Chairperson was Huw Jones, speaker was Twm Aled and the vote of thanks was given by Sara

Jones. In the senior section (14–18 year olds), the winners were the team from St John's College, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Llanishen.

In line with national rules, all speakers had to answer a question from the audience, to show their understanding of their chosen topic. Judges were representatives from Cardiff Speakers Club.

Before announcing the results, the judges congratulated all participants, saying that they had set some very high standards. Assistant District Governor Gareth Rees thanked everyone who had supported the area final and wished the winning teams every success in the Rotary District 1150 final (south, mid and west Wales) to be held in C o w b r i d g e Comprehensive School at the beginning of March.

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Your constitution and latest audited accounts must accompany the application. New organisations must submit a business plan/budget in place of audited accounts. All applications complying with the criteria will be considered. The submission of an application does not guarantee that a grant will be awarded.

The Council are unable to consider applications from or on behalf of National Organisations, unless they can demonstrate that their services will benefit a significant proportion of the local community.

Applications should be returned to the address given below by or before Friday, 4 March 2016.

Also this year to mark the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Barry Town Council are offering financial assistance for the organisation of a public party to celebrate the occasion. If you would like to receive an application form for this please contact:

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Acting Town Clerk  
Council Offices  
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## Dinas Powys WI's 'lasting legacy' marks centenary

AS the Women's Institute celebrated their centenary in 2015, the Dinas Powys WI wanted to mark this event by doing something special for the village as a lasting legacy.

For their charity event this year the Dinas Powys WI are raising funds to purchase two public access defibrillators and the boxes in which to store them. They will be placed in the Murch and the village centre, available 24 hours per day so that anyone suffering a cardiac arrest would have access to a possible life-saving piece of equipment.

The WI are working together with the British Heart Foundation and the Welsh Ambulance Trust. To help with the

fundraising, the WI are holding a Defib coffee morning at the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys on Saturday, February 20 from 10.30am to 12.30pm, where there will be stalls including BHF and WI homemade cakes and a tombola, raffle and demonstrations of CPR and 'defibs' from the Welsh Ambulance Trust.

Tickets are only £3 each and include a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and are available from the Dinas Powys Community Council offices; or telephone Jill on 07799 402049 or Lynda on 07926 025833.

The WI are hoping that the whole village will want to contribute in some way to the purchase of this lifesaving equipment.

The WI are also holding a fashion show on April 20 in the parish hall and profits will go into the defib fund.

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## Barry Camera Club's monthly competition proves tight contest

**BARRY** Camera Club's first meeting of the year began with a talk by Leigh Woolford of Gwynfa Camera Club, entitled 'Fifty Prints', which turned out to be something of a misnomer, as he actually showed more like 70 prints that night!

His presentation started with some of the film-based black and white work he produced in 1992, at the start of his interest in the hobby and proceeded through to his current digital-based work.

He explained how cameras have changed over the years and it was sobering to note how little that has actually meant in terms of final image quality.

In a departure for the club, we had an evening showing members' images taken on equipment other than cameras.

On January 22, we were shown 'highlight images' from the Cheltenham International Salon 2015, an important annual competition open to professional

photographers and amateur clubs.

We are pleased to see two of our members, Mike Lewis and Tina Haydon, both had acceptances this year.

As always, the month concluded with our monthly competition night: this month, the judge was John Ridgewell. He made very favourable comments on the overall quality and said how hard it was to separate the very best of the images.

Monochrome print: 20 points and first place to Glenn Porter for 'Chris Ousey - Snake Chamer'; second place and 19 points to Rob Owens for his 'Boat On The Estuary'; and third place with 19 points to Andrew Hallum for 'Forgotten'. Also awarded 19 points and a 'highly commended' was 'Tree' by Glenn Porter.

Colour print: First prize and 20 points, Glenn Porter for 'A Morning At Penarth Pier'; Glenn also gained second place and 19 points for his 'Venice' and third, Roy Carr who also gained 19 points for 'Into The Garlic Woods'.

Projected image: This section was, as always, the most contested section with 34 entries

this month. The winner with 20 points was Tina Haydon for 'Oblivious'; Steve Everett second, scoring 19 points with 'Kingfisher'; and third with 18 points was Glenn Porter with his 'One Big Storm Equals One Man's Pleasure'.

Also scoring 19 points and gaining a 'highly commended' award was Phillipa Evans for her 'Falcated Duck'.

At approximately half way through the season, Roy Carr narrowly heads the overall leader table with 273 points; closely followed by Glenn Porter in second place with 272 points and Sarah Savage in third place with 263 points.

February promises to be an interesting month, with visits from Graham Harries and Pete McCloskey, a seven-way battle at the Vale Camera Club, Ystradowen and our monthly competition.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. For more information, visit our website [www.barrycameraclub.co.uk](http://www.barrycameraclub.co.uk).

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## Train takes strain for Rhws children



Rhws Primary pupils on the platform.

**CLASS 2H** at Rhws Primary courtesy of Arriva trains.

School recently went by rail to Swansea as part of their topic on transport, when they donned high viz vests and excitedly set off to catch the train to Bridgend,

Once they reached Bridgend, they had a safety talk and had a treat when they travelled first class to Swansea on Great Western Railways.

Every child was given a tour of the driver's cabin. One lucky child was even allowed to start the engine ready for our

return trip to Cardiff.

A tired but thrilled class returned to school having had a fun day out, but also with the important message about railway safety firmly in their minds. The school would like to say a special thank you to Jon Lock for organising the trip.

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# Not a lot happening in the hives – or is there?

Fonmon Apiary bulletin by Harold Williams

NOT a lot happening just yet, well, not externally! However, because I have been examining the debris that falls into a tray beneath the floor of selected hives on a regular basis, I can observe (by the mites that are to be found in it) that although winter months should bring about a lessening of activity, much has been going on.

We have not experienced the low temperatures that are associated with winter and, as a consequence, life within the colony has been altered by the very mild conditions.

Honeybees do not hibernate! They cease activity when temperatures are lower than 9°C, and as we have had and still are having temperatures up into the 'teens, external and internal activity has ever been present.

A normal winter state should see the colony form a cluster (ball) and very little movement or consumption of stores should take place.

The queen will cease to lay eggs and no brood should be in evidence; everything is on hold until spring appears.

What has my debris examination and counting of the varroa mites revealed? Well, the queens have continued to lay eggs that have developed into larvae and eventually into new bees.

This scenario has suited the varroa very well and they have been breeding along with the bees.

How do I know this? Let's delve into the life cycle of the varroa mite: when a queen lays an egg, in three days it will turn into a larva. This larva is cared for by nurse bees that will feed it and eventually seal it into the cell it occupies.

Within this sealed cell, metamorphosis takes place and a new bee will emerge. Chemical signals (pheromones) pass between bee and larva, so each is aware of every step coming along.

The varroa mite also picks up on these chemical signals (varroa are on the bodies of the nurse bees) and before the wax seal is effected, a mite will enter the cell and be sealed in with the developing larva. As the larva changes into a bee, the mite (this is an adult breeding female) proceeds to lay her eggs and produce young. (There is more going on but another article is needed to explain.)

My debris observations are showing me dead mites of varying colours, some very white, some dark brown, and some with a dash of both colours.

How is this coming about? In essence, as the bee is developing so are the young mites. The metamorphosis cycle has matured and a new bee is ready to emerge.

As my debris is revealing, not all of the young mites have reached maturity – hence the lack of colour in some of them. They are not the brown colour they should be, but as the bee has fully developed and chewed through the wax seal and emerged into the hive, those immature mites die off as do some of their mothers and the bees clean out the cells ready for further use.

The dead bodies and particles of wax, plus other debris, end up in the collecting drawer beneath the colony.

*This should not be happening in winter. But it is.*  
HAROLD WILLIAMS.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**A LARGE group of Friends and Neighbours recently enjoyed a tour and visit to the Wales Senedd and were greeted by Jane Hutt AM, who showed us World War Two memorabilia.**

The Senedd was designed by Richard Rogers and built from Welsh materials. We were told the red curved cedar roof is meant to represent the waves in Cardiff Bay.

We were then invited to tea and Welsh cakes and Ms Hutt asked members if they wished to sign the petition against the closure of the general Post Office in Barry.  
GAYE FIFIELD

## Roadworks

Junction 34 Miskin interchange; A4055 Port Road, from junction with Culverhouse Cross to its junction with Nant Isaf; Wenvoe; A48 near Bridgend Ford, Bridgend.

### Temporary traffic control:

B4265 Main Road, Ogmore by Sea near West Farm Road; A4055 Harbour Road, Barry (the Causeway); Paget Road, Barry Island, at its junction with Clive Road and Plymouth Road; Penlan Road, Llandough; St Brides Road, Wick (adjacent to the new development); Trem Echni, Rhooose Point; St Andrews Major village; Llanmaes Road junction with Heol Ger y Felin, Llantwit Major.

### Road closure:

Clive Road, Barry Island, at the junction with the access road to Barry Island overflow car park; Pen y Lan Village near Llansannor; Solent Road, Barry; Cynebyn Lane, Peterston Super Ely.

## PACT meetings

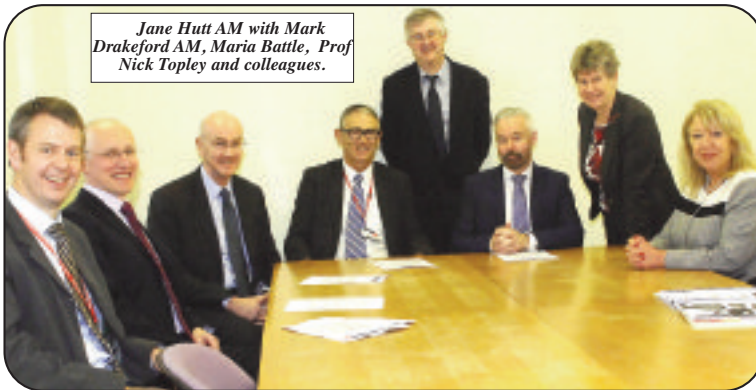
**COURT PACT at the Witchill Community Hall, Dyfan Road, Barry, on Thursday, February 18 at 6pm.**

**CADOC PACT at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry on Thursday, February 18 between 11am and 1pm.**

**ST ATHAN Police surgery at the Gathering Place, St Athan, on Sunday, February 14 between 3pm and 4pm.**

**RHOOSE coffee and chat at the Flying Club, Rhooose, on Tuesday, February 23 at 11am.**

Jane Hutt AM with Mark Drakeford AM, Maria Battle, Prof Nick Topley and colleagues.



## Pioneering training project presented at Barry Hospital

THE Vale AM Jane Hutt and the Chair of Cardiff and recently welcomed Minister for Health and Social Services Mark Drakeford AM, to Barry Hospital to discuss plans to develop a pioneering new training facility for medical students.

The plans were presented by Professors Nick Topley and John Bligh from Cardiff University's School of Medicine,

and the Chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Maria Battle.

Ms Hutt explained: "As part of the innovative new medical education curriculum at Cardiff University (C21) they are working towards placing students in the community earlier and for longer.

"Focussing their training largely on community centred learning and meeting patients at

the earliest opportunity in a clinical setting, the approach will cultivate exceptional doctors equipped with a heightened patient empathy and an excellent scientific understanding.

"Barry Hospital provides an ideal link between the primary and secondary care services so that students can learn about how to provide services closer to patients own homes."

## John's a lucky-lucky winner at Llandough!



John and Janice Shapland at the Royal Voluntary Service Cafe bar at University Hospital, Llandough.

**A LUCKY customer at the Royal Voluntary Service cafe bar at University Hospital, Llandough, was served up a bumper helping of cash when he won a grand prize raffle netting him a cool £10,000 windfall.**

Mr John Shapland, from Peterston-Super-Ely, was attending University Hospital Llandough Hospital for a routine appointment and popped along to the cafe bar for a quick cuppa. While he was there he purchased a ticket for the Royal Voluntary Service raffle and thought no more of it.

John was over the moon when he was notified about the win after the draw took place in mid December.

John and his wife Janice revisited the cafe bar to be presented with the cheque by Kevin Thomas, individual giving officer for the Royal Voluntary Service. Kevin said: "As you can imagine, John and Janice were both

extremely happy to win the grand prize in our 2015 Christmas raffle. Almost 50,000 tickets were sold last year!

"The Royal Voluntary Service runs raffles and prize draws as part of their fundraising activities.

It provides an opportunity for people to make a small donation to the charity and at the same time to potentially win an exciting prize!

"Our raffle and prize draw programme raises over £1 million per year – money that goes to local services throughout the UK to support older people."

The Royal Voluntary Service supports over 100,000 older people each month to maintain independence in their own homes for longer, with tailor-made solutions.

Through its army of volunteers, the charity runs services such as Good Neighbours (companionship), Meals-on-Wheels and Books-on-Wheels that alleviate loneliness and help older people.

## CONFUSION REIGNS AS UKIP COUNCILLOR LEAVES THE PARTY

**LOCAL Vale councillor Kevin Mahoney quit UKIP this week – only for the party to claim it had sacked him.**

Two weeks ago, Coun Mahoney had warned UKIP party chiefs that he opposed people being parachuted into Wales from other areas of the UK for the Welsh Assembly election which takes place in May.

Coun Mahoney had said that on a point of principle, he couldn't stay in the party if local activists were overlooked.

On Monday he told The GEM: "It is with great regret that I must honour the pledge that I gave on national television recently that, out of a sense of preserving my own personal integrity and honesty, I will not associate myself with those personalities described in the media, as candidates.

"They have been parachuted into Wales by the UKIP hierarchy in order to leapfrog local Welsh-based activists on the regional list for the May Assembly election."

But on Wednesday morning, February 11, when BBC interviewer Oliver Hides asked UKIP's Nathan Gill whether Coun Mahoney had been booted out of the party, he agreed.

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## Vale ploughing match dates remain changed

THE Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging Society recently held its first meeting of the season in the Six Bells, Penmark.

The chairman, Andrew Studley, stated that the dates of the ploughing match this year needed to be changed, to avoid clashing with the World Ploughing Match in Yorkshire on September 8 – 11 and the All Wales Match on September 17.

The event will now be held on September 25 at Norton Hall Farm, on ground between Ogmore by Sea and Southerndown in the Vale of Glamorgan, by permission of Graham David.

The entrance to the ploughing match will be by Little West Farm House Restaurant and the society welcomes all who are interested in seeing how ploughing was done in years gone by.

The programme for the match on September 25 will be set out in good time. Further information can be obtained from the chairman on 07980 921990, the secretary on 07855 414759, or on 01656 654440.

## Register your vote ASAP!

THE Vale Council wants to encourage anyone not yet registered to vote, to take advantage of National Voter Registration Drive and go online now to register.

On Thursday, May 5, voters across Wales will go to the polls for National Assembly for Wales and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

Anyone who isn't registered to vote won't be able to take part and have their say.

The deadline to

register to vote in these elections is Monday, April 18. While there is still time, it is running out quickly. The good news is that it only takes a few minutes to register online

at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). It's a chance to join the thousands of people across the UK being encouraged to register.

Debbie Marles, returning officer for the Vale said: "Anyone not yet registered to vote should do so as soon as possible so they can have their say on issues that affect their day-to-day lives."



# Construction jobs boosted thanks to £120m infrastructure investment

**L**AST month, I was delighted to launch the CITB (Construction Industry Training Board) Construction Skills Network report on the site of the new £20m schools development in Llantwit Major – the Llantwit Learning Community – funded by the Welsh Government and the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

It was great to meet the student ambassadors from Llantwit Major Comprehensive, who are engaged with the

contractors in all stages of the development of their new school and Ysgol y Draig. I also met apprentices, a quantity surveying student and a trainee site manager. These are key posts among the 75-80 per cent employees drawn from across south Wales, with 120 people on site at peak times.

The CITB is forecasting strong annual growth in the Welsh construction sector compared to other parts of the UK, amounting to 7.1 per cent growth in Wales; 2.5 per cent in the rest of the UK.

The report forecast that this growth will create 27,000 more jobs over the next five years and welcomed the strategic approach we have taken with the

Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan.

My announcement of a further £120m for infrastructure investment on Tuesday this week, will create up to 2,000 jobs in 2016/17 with a number of projects benefiting all parts of Wales including:

- £50m for transport projects;
- £10m for the 21st Century Schools programme, which includes post-16 capital investment;
- £10m for the Intermediate Care Fund, focusing on 'step-down' and 'reablement facilities' to support people leaving hospital;
- £10m for the Welsh Ambulance Trust for the replacement of ambulances;
- £5m for Green

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by **Jane Hutt**  
AM (Minister for Finance)

Growth Wales, providing repayable energy efficiency grants across the NHS, local government and education;

- £3m for Warm Homes/Arbed to tackle fuel poverty by investing in energy efficiency schemes;

- £10m for neonatal facilities;
- £20m for housing and regeneration, including the Town Centre Loan Fund.

This capital boost is in addition to the £43m for schools and social housing I announced last week, which will benefit the whole of Wales.

My announcements came as part of the Draft Budget for 2016/17 which was debated in the Senedd on Tuesday. I confirmed the £300m boost to the Welsh NHS, as well as £21m for social services and funding for mental health and health services for older people.

Schools funding got a boost as well and we confirmed our support for further education and apprenticeships.

I also announced an additional uplift for higher education funding via HEFCW (Higher Education Funding Council for Wales) helping part time HE students as well as world class scientific research.

This Budget has been set against the backdrop of a 3.6 per cent real terms cut by the UK Government

over the next four years. Our Welsh Government budget will be 11 per cent lower by the end of the decade than it was in 2010.

The Journal for the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy said that my Budget represented 'A clear way forward despite austerity'.

Community Housing Cymru welcomed the extra money for social housing saying the 'Welsh Government has recognised that housing is integral to Wales' Infrastructure and we will continue to make the case for further investment in housing through the 'Homes for Wales' campaign.'

This Budget has been all about priorities, abiding by our principles as a Welsh Government that believes we can support growth and jobs with capital investment but also safeguard and enhance the public services that mean the most to the people of Wales – health, education and housing.

## Newydd in line for top award

**NEWYDD** housing association has been shortlisted in the 'Outstanding Development Programme of the Year' category at the prestigious UK Housing Awards 2016.

Working with local authorities and the Welsh Government, Newydd provides affordable homes across the Vale of Glamorgan, Rhondda Cynon Taff and Powys. This year, 63 new homes were completed, 76 are currently under construction, and sites for more than 400 further homes are being secured for the next five years.

Recent schemes include 23 homes in St Athan and the redevelopment of a disused hotel on Barry Island into 20 apartments for local people who needed to downsize.

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# Primary pupils get a taste of things to come

*Making a rainbow.*

COLCOT Primary School children were treated to a taste of things to come this week, thanks to a range of inspiring activities to introduce them to topics they will be learning about next half-term.

These included: duck pond races, street graffiti art, bottled rainbows, homemade sherbet, junk model rocket ships and Arctic survival skills!

"The purpose of these immersion activities is to excite and enthuse the children about the topic they are to study and also to allow children time to plan and research areas of learning that they would like to investigate during the topic," a school spokesman said.

"The day proved a real success with both staff and children and the excitement levels within the school were clear to see!

"These activities proved so successful, the staff are already busy planning for the next immersion day. To see more of these activities you can visit [colcotprimaryschool.com](http://colcotprimaryschool.com)."



## CANDLELIT CONCERT

AT 4pm on Sunday, February 21 St Donat's Church will hold its annual Candlelit Concert. Musicians and singers from Atlantic College will present a varied programme to raise money for the Lullaby Trust and for church funds. The Trust supports those affected by sudden infant death syndrome.

Tickets available on the door or from Nickleby's Bookshop in Llantwit Major at £5, including refreshments.

# Right, said Fred, here's how you do it!



*The Mayor demonstrates his footballing skills to the Vale Referees Society. Photo by John O Beirne*

MAYOR of the Vale, Coun Fred Johnson, is patron to the Vale of Glamorgan Referees Society and as a keen football fan, was very interested to hear about its achievements recently. Afterwards, he agreed that there was "much more to refereeing than just blowing a whistle!"

The Vale society, sponsored by RIM Motors, meets on the second Monday of each month between August and May. For further information, contact the secretary, Terry Allday, on [vogrs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vogrs@hotmail.co.uk).

## PENARTH TALK ON LOCAL SCULPTOR

THE work of local sculptor Frank Roper will be the subject of a talk to Friends of St Augustine's, Penarth, following their AGM on February 25, by Ilse Fisher. will be giving an illustrated talk on Frank Roper and bringing along with some examples of his smaller sculptures.

She knew Roper personally, lived next door to him during one of his most productive periods, and has made a study of his technique and approach.

Chair of the Friends, Tricia Griffiths, said: "You don't need to belong to the Friends of St Augustine's to come and hear this talk about a remarkable man who lived in Penarth for many years. Just come and enjoy the evening in the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth, at 7pm.



*Feature at St Augustine in St Augustine's Church, Penarth.*

## Children in Need offering grants

BBC Children in Need is to run a funding surgery for projects across the Vale of Glamorgan and those interested in applying for funding are being invited to attend.

It will be held at Barry Community Enterprise Centre on Thursday, March 3.

BBC Children in Need supports projects that work with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years and under in the UK.

The charity funds two types of grants, both of which are open to applicants. A small grants programme includes grants up to and including £10,000, which

supports projects for one year. The main grants programme is for grants over £10,000 per year to support projects for up to three years.

Projects interested in funding are being asked to apply for a 30-minute appointment with James Bird, National Officer for BBC Children in Need in Wales and there will be 10 appointments throughout the day.

Details of proposals must be sent to [dave@gvs.wales](mailto:dave@gvs.wales) by February 26.

Full details on how to apply for BBC Children in Need grants can be found at the website; [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey) or call the Wales team at any time to discuss a project idea, on 02920 322383.



## BARRY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

You may have recently read in the press that Barry Town Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council are working in partnership to create gardens on the land at Cemetery Road.

There are plans to create a garden area on both sides of the road, provide a new community building and improve the approach road to the cemetery. It is anticipated that this project will be completed by the end of summer of 2016.

Barry Town Council would like to invite you to meet with them and discuss this project. They would welcome your input on what you would like to see in the gardens and community building to benefit the people of Barry and also if you want to get involved with either on completion this would be a good opportunity to register your interest.

The public engagement event will be held in the Glamorgan Suite at the Memorial Hall & Theatre on Thursday, 25 February 2016 between 3.00 – 8.00 pm and the Council hope to see you there.

For further information please contact Angie Norman, Acting Town Clerk on Tel: 01446 704920 – email: [angienorman@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:angienorman@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk)



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## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D917.

● £2,000: 110304.  
● The rollover, which is currently £7,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 346316, 427183, 217470, 104150, 300216, 678970, 825127, 866063, 437255, 423246, 167075, 209608, 527759, 816885, 170749, 930572, 848083, 770209, 987032, 442725.

● £5: 375773, 351964, 717762, 263120, 191254, 469692, 136612, 742916, 502477, 856968.

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# SARA TELLS OF LIFE AFTER LIFE-CHANGING SURGERY

A year ago this month, Sara Evans underwent life-changing surgery – then turned up at an interview with a bra on her head – and got a new job!

Eight years ago, Sara Evans was referred by her GP to a consultant for a breast reduction operation as her large breasts had been the plague of her teenage

years and the whole of her adult life.

While she had always been a relatively outgoing person loving drama, singing and dancing, this persona was a façade hiding a lifetime of insecurity caused by bullying and general teasing about the size of her breasts.

Buying attractive underwear and wearing bikinis was not an option, for she spent her

life wearing baggy clothes and hunching to try and disguise her bosom.

In addition, she was not able to undertake physical exercise as she suffered with severe back and shoulder pain.

She became more and more miserable and became bigger and bigger as she comforted and piled the weight on – making the problem even worse.

Under NHS guidelines at the time, she had to be 13 stone or under to have a breast reduction operation on the NHS.

The consultant confirmed that while she was obese, he had to take into consideration that her breasts were particularly large and he had some discretion on this weight limit and gave her a weight target to reach of 13 and a half stone for him to perform the operation. It meant losing four stone.

In January 2014, she walked into a Weight Watchers meeting weighing in at 16 stone and 8.5 pounds.

By the beginning of November the same year, she had lost the 43.5lbs needed to lose to have the operation. She was referred back to the consultant and the



Sara before losing weight...



... and Sara today.

of her large bras on her head.

It certainly did the trick, as she landed the role and she now has the confidence each week to inspire others to reach their weight loss goals.

She said: "Losing weight has been a huge turning point in my life not only for my health, but my everyday confidence."

Sara now runs weekly classes in the local area.

Such has been the transformation in her health and confidence, that Sara applied to become a Weightwatchers' leader herself, and turned up at the interview with one

## 14% rise in cancer numbers in Wales

**LATEST figures show an increase of 14 per cent over 10 years in the number of new cancer cases in Wales, according to a new report published by Public Health Wales on World Cancer Day.**

The increase in cancer numbers in Wales is the result of people living longer, and an increase in many preventable cancers in middle-aged and younger pensioners, especially in women.

The report from the Welsh Cancer Intelligence and Surveillance Unit (WCISU) demonstrates a clear link between lung cancer and areas of deprivation.

The incidence rate in the most deprived areas is around two-and-a-half times the rate in the least deprived areas, and the gap has widened.

Lung cancer numbers have increased by an average of 243 extra

cases per year in women compared to 10 years previously.

Welsh women have one of the highest lung cancer incidence rates in Europe. The report also finds that lung cancer causes more deaths than bowel and breast cancer combined.

WCISU is publishing the most up-to-date data relating to trends in cancer incidence, mortality and survival in Wales for people diagnosed up to the end of 2014.

The report finds that lung, breast, prostate, and bowel cancers remain the most

common cancers in Wales, and along with melanoma, they showed the largest increase in numbers over 10 years.

Breast cancer has higher rates in the least deprived areas, with the gap decreasing mainly due to increased incidence among women in the most deprived areas.

Although less common at the moment, liver cancer rates increased by 65 per cent in men and 42 per cent in women.

## Norwegian airline flies into Cardiff

LOW cost airline Norwegian has signed a new agreement to continue its charter partnerships with Thomson and First Choice (part of the TUI Group) which will see the airline's first ever flights from Cardiff Airport.

It will fly a charter route to Tenerife on behalf of Thomson and First Choice. Passengers travelling to the popular holiday destination in the Canaries will fly on Norwegian's new aircraft which offers free in-flight WiFi.

Tenerife is currently in the top 10, ranked seventh of most popular direct

destinations for passengers travelling from Cardiff.

Karen Switzer, Director of Aviation Planning for Thomson and First Choice, said: "The introduction of this extra flight to Tenerife demonstrates our commitment to Cardiff Airport and the local area."

It adds more choice of flights and flexibility for 10 and 11 night holidays to this popular destination and will allow our customers in the area to experience even more exciting holidays."

The Norwegian flight will operate on Tuesdays from May 3 to September 27.

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## Cloudy2Clear Announce Trusted Trader Partnership

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policy of delivering the highest standards possible at all times. 'Our service is simple. If your double glazing has misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Whilst a number of tradespeople perhaps don't focus on customer care as much as they should do, we make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle.

Locally Cloudy2Clear service Cardiff & surrounding areas and

manager Phil Powell agrees that this approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated as both my customers and, obviously a body as nationally important as Which? now recognise.'

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# HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED: 'Don't let history repeat itself' – a Muslim leader warns



Mayor Richard Young lights a candle in remembrance of genocide victims.

AT a ceremony that remembered the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, a Muslim leader in Bridgend has warned against the danger of history repeating itself – if everyone stands by and does nothing to stop extremist terror groups like ISIS.

Suleiman Hawas, chairman of Aberkenfig mosque, made the appeal when Bridgend County Borough Council marked Holocaust Memorial Day 2016, with a special commemoration to remember the victims of the Nazis' infamous 'Jewish solution' during World War Two and subsequent genocides. In partnership with Bridgend College, the annual event was held in the Sony Theatre to restate a public commitment to remember the millions of Jews who were systematically slaughtered in the Holocaust, and the genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and



ABOVE:

From left: Coun Smith, cabinet member for regeneration and economic development; Coun Gregory, cabinet member for resources; Coun David, deputy leader; Janice Gregory AM; Mrs Annette Young, Mayoress; Coun Richard Young, Mayor of Bridgend County Borough; Taking Flight Theatre company actors; Suleiman Hawas, chairman of Aberkenfig Mosque and Rhys Gronow of South Wales Police.

Darfur. "This year's theme is 'Don't stand by' – both from a historical perspective and looking at what you can do now to not stand by. Over the years, there have been countless examples of people who didn't stand by. People who instead stood up to help those being persecuted," a spokesperson said. Stories of those who 'didn't stand by' were highlighted, including

acts of bravery by Frank Foley, Sir Nicholas Winton MBE, Janusz Korczak, and Miep Gies.

This year, Jack Davies and Phoebe Lewis, from Bridgend Youth Theatre led the ceremony, while Bridgend College performing arts students, Olivia Hopper and Ceri-Anne Thomas sang two solo items.

Videos were also shown of community representatives making their pledges not to stand by and allow acts of prejudice, hate and victimisation to take place. In addition, the Taking Flight Theatre Company demonstrated that standing by can have consequences.

The invited guests represented a wide cross-section of the community and included the police, religious and community groups, politicians, schools and college students.

As part of the ceremony, the traditional 'Seven Statements of Commitment' were read by prominent members of the community, a candle of remembrance was lit by Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Richard Young, and a 20-second silence was held to remember all those lost in the Holocaust and genocides.

BCBC's Coun Mel Nott said: "As a sign of respect and remembrance, marking Holocaust Memorial Day is extremely important to the council, and our annual event aims to commemorate victims, honour survivors and commit to tackling prejudice, discrimination and racism in the present day.

"The appalling moments in history can be used to create a society based on a respect for difference, not a hatred for it.

"Our challenge is to ensure that the experience and words of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and of

subsequent genocides, continues to inform our lives today and becomes a meaningful part of our future.

"Lessons must be learnt in order to challenge and overcome hatred and persecution in our communities, creating a safer future based on respect and understanding. We must not stand by and allow racism, discrimination, homophobia, exclusion and hate crime to take place in our communities."

• *The Holocaust, which took place between 1941 and 1945, claimed the lives of six million Jews who were murdered in extermination camps, concentration camps, ghettos, and in mass-shootings.*

For more information about the Holocaust, visit [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk)

To view videos of Bridgend county borough's HMD event, visit YouTube and search 'Bridgend CBC'.



Olivia Hopper from Bridgend College.

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Now in 2016, the club has just over 50 members and is going from strength-to-strength with excellent speakers, trips around the country and it is donating lots of money to different charities.

To celebrate the event a dinner was held at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge on

January 19, when all the stops were pulled out – the upstairs dining room really lent itself to the special occasion. The Bear Hotel excelled with its hospitality and service by the staff was exceptional.

Chairperson Ann Rees cut the celebration cake and it was distributed to all.

Mrs Ray Evans thanked the committee for organising the event.

The next meeting (as usual) will be held at Penlyn Village Hall on Tuesday, February 16 at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

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### Back to Bacharach

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 initiative.

Taking place from  
 May 1-2 during the  
 bank holiday weekend,  
 the rally is part of the  
 company's plans to  
 create a fun-filled,  
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 raise money for Welsh  
 children's hospice, Ty  
 Hafan, based at Sully, in  
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It offers comfort, care  
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The rally will take  
 place over two days  
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 Fast Part's Abercarn  
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 Hafan.

If successful, it will  
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With a £100 entry  
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 are projected onto a large screen, so they can be  
 seen by all).

On February 25 Dr Jac Saorsa, senior instructor  
 at Cardiff's Broadway Drawing School will lead a  
 practical drawing session, and always offers an  
 interesting and informative evening.

The society meets each Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
 and visitors and new members are welcome  
 (occasional visitor's fee, £3). For details of the  
 society's activities see  
[www.cowbridgeartsociety.com](http://www.cowbridgeartsociety.com).

### 'Fracking' film

**VOICES From The Gas Fields**, a documentary  
 on the subject of 'fracking' will be shown by  
 Sustainable Wick Community Group on Friday,  
 February 12 at 7.30pm in Wick village hall.

After the film, there will be an open debate with

three guest speakers. Entry is free and open to all.

### War Museum

**THE Barry War Museum** will be open from  
 10am-4pm on Sunday, February 14.

In pride of place is a photograph of American  
 doughboys on King Square, Barry, taken in July  
 1918; we would also love to chat to those who  
 have been in the services.

The Barry War Museum is also open each  
 Wednesday from 2pm-4pm.

### Valeways walks

**ON Sunday, February 14 at 2.30pm, 'A Lover's  
 Tale' starting at Ogmere Portobello car park  
 (SS 874763).**

On Tuesday, February 16 at 1.30pm, 'Marconi  
 and coastal path' starting at Cosmeston country  
 park outside the visitor centre.

On Wednesday, February 17 at 10.30am, the  
 coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston country  
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On Sunday, February 21 at 2pm, 'Lavernock -  
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### Exhibition at Cowbridge Old Hall

**FEBRUARY'S art exhibition at Old Hall  
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### All Saints' Lent lunch

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## ROALD DAHL HONOURED AT RHS SHOW

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At last year's record-  
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 visitors descended on the  
 decorated showground,  
 attracting everyone from  
 keen gardeners and floral  
 enthusiasts to families in  
 search of a fun day out.

A floral focal point at  
 this year's show will be  
 the displays celebrating  
 the Wonderful World of  
 Roald Dahl, marking 100  
 years since the famous  
 author was born in  
 Llandaff, Cardiff.

Horticultural content  
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 showground and will  
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created by award-  
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A 12ft BFG ('Big  
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 sculpture created by 'Out  
 to Learn Willow' will  
 greet visitors, and  
 younger green-fingered  
 enthusiasts will have the  
 opportunity to take part  
 in a 'Golden Ticket  
 Family Trail' around the  
 showground.

Speaking about this  
 year's show, Katie  
 Draper, show manager of  
 RHS Flower Show  
 Cardiff, said: "We have  
 so much already planned  
 for this year - it's set to

be a truly spectacular  
 event. From celebrating  
 children's literary hero  
 Roald Dahl, to food  
 foraging and exploring  
 plant life millions of  
 years ago, there really is  
 something for everyone,  
 with even more content  
 to be announced soon.

"The show really is a  
 fantastic way to step in to  
 spring and get some  
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# Goosebumps goes bump in the night – AND MAKES FOR A THRILLING WATCH!

**JACK BLACK'S recent career choices haven't really panned out. Having starred in well-received, but commercially unsuccessful films like *The D Train* and *Bernie*, Black's main success has come in the voice booth through the *Kung-Fu Panda* films (part three heading to cinemas this summer).**

However, Black is in front of the camera in *Goosebumps*, a film based on R L Stine's series of books of the same name. When Zach (Dylan Minnette) moves to a new town, he meets his neighbour Hannah (Odeya Rush) – and her rather severe, over-protective father (Black).

When Zach and his friend Champ (Ryan Lee) enter Hannah's house thinking she's at risk from her father, they manage to unleash demons from the manuscripts of R L Stine – who is Hannah's

father! Together, the four must work together to catch the demons before they take over the town and cause untold destruction...

The *Goosebumps* books, if you're of a certain age, tread the line between entertaining you and scaring you witless incredibly well. R L Stine's writing was clever and yet played to the teen audience with aplomb, quite a balancing act for any film based on these books to perform.

Incredibly, and perhaps surprisingly, the film achieves this with aplomb, an entertaining and wonderful film that keeps your attention and hits the right notes, whether its through jumps and chills, humour or spectacle.

The concept behind the story is a clever one – rather than adapt one of Stine's many books, they use the characters within a meta narrative that sees Stine as a character and the book's ghouls and terrors housed within his manuscripts.

There are the tropes of this genre that can often feel predictable



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and by the numbers – the burgeoning love story, the life lessons, the shift in perceptions of characters – but here they are delivered with a nice twist or underplayed beautifully. You know where it's going but you don't mind sitting through it.

Given the fresh take on the narrative, the story moves through the gears with incredible ease and has much to offer, not least in the game and enjoyable performances from the whole cast.

While Jack Black's schtick can be hit and

miss, here he is hugely enjoyable as the grouchy and misanthropic Stine, thrown headlong into the situation caused by the actions of the youngsters. Black is muted to a degree by the character, and it works for the best as what he does offer is a wonderfully watchable performance.

He is ably supported by Dylan Minnette's Zach, the new kid in town who is cool but not too cool, and the actor gives a likeable turn. Ryan Lee's Champ is very much the comedic sidekick, and Odeya Rush's Hannah is the love interest, but one who is given an interesting and intriguing twist.

With the rest of the cast populated by the likes of Amy Ryan, Jillian Bell, Timothy Simons and Ken Marino, there is no shortfall in terms of the cast, all of whom do a great job.

Director Rob Letterman has previous with Black, having helmed the misfiring *Gulliver's Travels*, but here it's his background in animation that comes

to the fore, the film having both a gorgeous visual sense of identity, but also a degree of scope. There are several set-pieces that show ambition way beyond what you would expect, but tied into a sense of fun that is hard to argue with.

And that is what sets *Goosebumps* aside from the slew of teen-centric blockbusters that are becoming a mainstay of cinema – it is knowingly fun, doesn't take itself too seriously and offers up jumps and laughs in equal measure; in short, it's a scarily good effort.

**VERDICT:** Surprisingly far more satisfying and enjoyable than you would expect, *Goosebumps* makes for a really pleasing watch, its sense of fun palpable. It offers a few jumps, but nothing too scary, and the game turns from a solid cast pay dividends in this slice of family fun.

**Highly recommended.**

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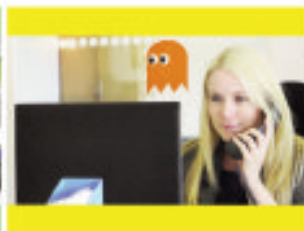
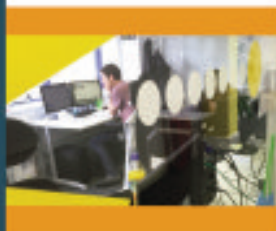
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## AMs and pupils 'get behind the daffodil' – for charity's appeal

**A**SSEMBLY MEMBERS joined forces with schoolchildren to 'get behind the daffodil' at the official Wales launch of the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal at the Senedd this week.

The Great Daffodil Appeal, now in its 30th year, is Marie Curie's biggest annual fundraising campaign and was launched by Minister for Finance and Leader of the House, Jane Hutt AM, and Marie Curie chief executive Dr Jane Collins.

The appeal is encouraging people in Wales to help the charity raise more money than ever before by simply giving a donation and wearing a Marie Curie daffodil pin, available from volunteers across the county, Superdrug stores, WH Smiths shops and Wyevalle garden centres and many other locations throughout February and March.

The launch event gave Marie Curie the opportunity to showcase some of its work in Wales – most notably the work that the charity's 'Caring for Carers' project is doing to provide support for young carers.

Vale of Glamorgan AM, Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance and Leader of the House, said: "It is

fantastic to see so many of my Assembly colleagues 'getting behind the daffodil' to support this year's Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal. I hope the people of Wales will follow suit by making a donation and wearing their Marie Curie daffodil with pride this February and March."

The event also saw some of Wales' top fundraising volunteers honoured for their support of the charity.

The Outstanding Contribution to Fundraising in Wales award was presented to the Cardiff fundraising group, who have raised over £75,000 for Marie Curie.

Sandra Chadwich was named north Wales Fundraiser of the Year; Nerys Thomas received the South Wales Fundraiser of the Year title; and the West Wales Fundraisers of the Year award went to the charity's Bridgend and Porthcawl fundraising group.

The awards were presented by Vaughan Gething AM, Deputy Minister for Health in the Welsh Government.

He said: "I am delighted to once again help launch the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal. From speaking to the nurses who are here today, it is clear that they really do go the extra mile to provide care and support for people when they need it the most and the funds raised through this appeal really do make a difference."

Simon Jones, of Marie Curie, said: "Every year, we are astounded by the level of support we receive from the people of Wales, and I hope we can rely on their backing once again, as we raise vital funds to support people living with a terminal illness, and their families, across Wales."

Last year, volunteers in Wales helped raise more than £260,000 by collecting donations from members of the public. For more information about the Great Daffodil Appeal, or to volunteer to collect for Marie Curie, call 0845 601 3107; or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil). To donate £5, text \*DAFF to 70111; or call 0800 716 146 to donate over the phone.

## Penarth volunteer Nerys is honoured by Marie Curie



**A**MARIE CURIE volunteer from Penarth has been honoured for her fundraising achievements.

Nerys Thomas has been a valued volunteer within the fundraising department at the Marie Curie Cardiff & the Vale hospice for 15 years, giving up her time to assist in a variety of activities that help fund care and support of people living with a terminal illness, and their families.

Nerys was in attendance at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay earlier this week, to receive the south-east Wales Fundraiser of the Year Award at the launch of the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal 2016.

Nerys took to the stage at the Senedd to receive her award from Deputy Minister for Health, Vaughan Gething AM. Intrepid Nerys has undertaken three charity treks to raise funds to support Marie Curie,

conquering Mount Kilimanjaro, the Great Wall of China, and the Atlas Mountains in Morocco.

She also co-ordinates the placing of collection tins and daffodil boxes in local shops, schools and businesses, and provides office support to assist staff at the hospice fundraising office. Nerys also helps to raise awareness of the work of Marie Curie by giving talks to local groups.

Nerys said: "Fundraising is not something you do for the rewards, but this has been a lovely surprise. I'm totally overwhelmed."

Sara Bass, Marie Curie fundraising manager for Wales, said: "Nerys is particularly deserving of this award, as she is one of our star volunteers, whose contribution is invaluable."

"We hope this award goes some way to showing our gratitude for her amazing support."

## Volunteers needed for Daffodil Week

**T**HE Cowbridge Marie Curie fundraising group is looking for volunteers to help with collections during the Marie Curie Daffodil Week, which will take place from February 20-27.

Collecting is carried out between 10am to 4pm, in a maximum of two-hour 'shifts' at various locations in and around the High Street at Cowbridge.

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# Community transfer 'could deliver better future for libraries'

CONSERVATIVES in the Vale have said they are going to be "watching closely" as five libraries in the Vale are handed over to local community groups.

The Vale Council is currently finalising the legal details of an asset transfer, so that Dinas Powys, Sully, Wenvoe, St Athan and Rhosce can be run by local bodies.

Welsh Conservative leader and South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies said: "From the moment recommendations were published, the views of the local communities were

emphatic and I joined them in urging the council to scrap their plans.

"This news is a welcome consolation for the many residents and community groups which have campaigned so defiantly to ensure the focal role of the local library was maintained.

"In many regards, this could deliver a better and more positive future for the libraries, as they will now be in the hands of the local community and people who care so passionately about the service it provides.

"Frankly, it should never have come to this, but as residents across the Vale we now need to hold the Vale Council to account to ensure they fully support the community groups over the years ahead."

The strength of protest varied from area to area. The chair of the Dinas Powys Community Library Group, Coun Chris Franks, said, "We all preferred for the council to continue to run the service, but we had to face reality.

"The alternative was closure or death by a thousand cuts. We are very sad that the excellent library staff were put in such difficult position.

"Our community library steering group is thriving and eager to get on with the job and meets monthly. We are preparing a legal constitution, policies, training and have a funding plan.

"Also, we have worked with the other library groups and have created a very good working relationship.

"To be fair, Vale Council staff have offered support and guidance," Coun Franks added.

**Coun Stuart Egan, Deputy Leader of the Vale Council, emphasised:** "Throughout this process, the council has made it very clear that we do not want to see any libraries in the Vale close.

"The stark reality of the funding cuts imposed on the council by central government is that we cannot continue to support every facility in the same way that we always have. However, at no stage was a decision to close any libraries taken.

"Instead, we have undertaken nearly two years of work to identify the best way of ensuring these facilities remain open to those who value them, and are placed into the hands of those who will not only maintain the current service, but improve it.

"A huge amount of work has been undertaken by all those involved to bring us to this point. In the five community groups, we have found teams of individuals as passionate about the library service as we are.

"For the last eight months, we have been working with them to develop their plans for the libraries and have provided both training and support.

"If the transfer of the libraries is now able to go ahead, as we all hope it will, then I have no doubt that these groups will prove to be excellent custodians of these much valued assets," Coun Egan concluded.

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## Welsh Government unveils £85m funding package for Welsh NHS

THE number of nurse training places will increase by 10 per cent in 2016-17, as part of an £85m investment package by the Welsh Government in the next generation of healthcare professionals, the Health and Social Services Minister Mark Drakeford announced yesterday (Wednesday, February 10).

"Nurse training places will rise by 135 in 2016-17 to 1,418, an increase of 10 per cent, on top of the 22 per cent increase in 2015-16. This will be the highest level of nurse training places in Wales since devolution," he said.

The £85m investment package also includes an increase of more than 10 per cent in physiotherapy training places, on top of the 26 per cent increase in 2015-16; and 10 per cent more diagnostic radiography training places, on top of the 26 per cent in 2015-16, and a 5 per cent rise in therapeutic radiographers.

He reported that last year the Welsh Government increased the number of places available for clinical scientists by 52 per cent and this year will be expanding investment in healthcare science programmes, including additional training places in genomics, medical physics, biomedical engineering, molecular pathology, bioinformatics, microbiology and lab genetics.

In addition, investment to support the development of healthcare support workers will increase to £1.5m: "This will help people gain the right knowledge and skills to deliver care and support career development."

The package of funding would enable 2,697 new students to undertake education and training programmes in 2016-17 compared to 2,498 in 2015-16. Including those who will be continuing their education this means the total number of students and training places for 2016-17 is 7,384 compared to 6,881 in 2015-16.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society

ON Wednesday, February 17 at 7.30pm at Awel-y-Mor Senior Citizens' Centre there will be a flower demonstration by Carola Keanne. Doors open 6.30pm: a warm welcome to everyone.

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GRIFFIN BOOKS, Penarth, has two author events planned for February.

During half term, a drop-in storytelling and activity session takes place in the shop with Swansea-based children's writer Helen Docherty, author of *The*

*Snatchabook*, who will be reading from and signing copies of her latest title for younger children, *Do You Remember*, on Thursday, February 18 between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Admission is free, with refreshments provided.

On Friday, February 26, debut author Julia Forster will be at Waterloo Tea, Stanwell Road, to discuss her novel *What A Way To Go*, set in the 1980s.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start; tickets are now available from Griffin Books at £5 each, including complimentary snacks, and a discount on book purchases.

For more information visit [www.griffinbooks.co.uk](http://www.griffinbooks.co.uk).

## New boiler means no more oil burning at Dyffryn Gardens

A NEW biomass boiler at Dyffryn Gardens is heating the only national tropical orchid collection in Wales.

The boiler will enable the property to stop burning oil and gas and move to a cleaner, renewable energy source - wood pellets made from the waste product of wood manufacture from mid-Wales.

The team at Dyffryn aims to develop the only national tropical orchid collection in Wales and the new energy set-up means they can embark on a journey to make this dream a reality.

Dyffryn staff haven't yet decided which genera of orchid to display because there are many possibilities, and it will take time to find and propagate the rarer varieties.

However, the team will be making an

immediate start on expanding the current tropical orchid collection and growing orchids and carnivorous plants that would have been grown by the original owner of the gardens, Reginald Cory.

Chris Flynn, Dyffryn's head gardener said: "Dyffryn is at a really exciting stage in its illustrious history. We have lots of plans for the gardens in the next few years and adding a new tropical orchid collection is really exciting.

"Wales doesn't have a national tropical orchid collection yet, so we can really fill a gap in this area of horticulture."

Currently, Dyffryn uses around 40,000 litres of oil per year to heat the mansion house, glasshouses, offices and café. Other green initiatives being installed on site are ground source heat pumps and solar panels.



# The history beneath our feet: MINES OF THE VALE

by BRIAN KEITCH

**WHO would guess now that Wenve, St Hilary, Colwinston, Llangan and Llanhari had a claim – albeit minor – of being mining villages?**

There was no coal *per se* there (unless you stretch the geographic boundaries to Llantrisant, Cefn Cribbwr and Margam) but there is lead and iron ore.

There is some evidence that the Romans had a dig or two around the area – and the presence of small quantities of galena (lead ore) and haematite (iron ore) were raised hundreds of years ago.

South of the coalfield, there was an orefield of haematite stretching from Llanhari in the west to Rhydyr and Draethen in the east. In addition, there was a significant outcrop at Coed y Cymdd between Cwrt yr Ala and Balas Farm near Wenve (it was gobbled up by Alps Quarry).

Apart from Llanhari itself, there were mines in the vicinity at Trecastell, Hendy, Mwyndy, Llwyn Saer, the Bute Pit and Maendy. In the second half of the 19th century, when the mines were at their peak – supplying the iron and steel works of south Wales – hundreds of thousands of tons of high quality haematite were mined – the most productive period being between 1870 and 1874 when almost half a million tons were extracted (422,892 tons to be exact).

However, the advent of cheap ore from overseas saw the local market collapse and by 1892, production was minimal and the mines closed. Large scale Ordnance Survey maps show clues where these mines were – with notations such as: old mine, old engine house, trial pit etc. Relics such as the Llwyn Saer engine house (now grade-2 listed building) and Llangan engine chimney (lead) crumble away as the last vestiges of an unlikely employer in the agricultural land that is the Vale of Glamorgan.

Expectations ran high with the discovery of rich iron ore deposits in

pockets here – such as the case of the Wenve Iron Ore Company: “The Wenve Iron Ore Company... are understood to be disposing of their product as rapidly as it can be supplied... some orders have been declined in consequence of large demand, this looks like prosperity.” (*Mining Journal* 29/1/1859.)

Official statistics record the output from Wenve between 1863-5 as amounting to 18,149 tons of ore. Then nothing! The pocket had been exhausted.

Today, a massive quarry has all but removed the Wenve iron mine. It appears the company – despite its name – turned to quarrying limestone.

One mine, however, survived until as recently as 1976 – that at Llanhari which served the East Moors Steelworks in Cardiff Docks – and in doing so kept a short section of the Cowbridge Railway in operation until 1977, after the last train from Cowbridge goods yard had quietly chuffed off back in 1965.

Then there was lead, which also occurred in veins in limestone, especially around Cowbridge.

Lead was apparently discovered in Colwinston as early as 1727 by a Cornish miner named John Roberts. Colwinston could boast as many as three mines – one off Twmpath lane – and the other two under the A48 road on Crack Hill. Apparently some of the brick arches are still intact.

The hills could still be alive with the sound of mining! In 1984, Highwood Resources Ltd, of Canada submitted a plan to prospect for silver and lead in the parish of Colwinston. The locals had none of it.

On the west side of Cowbridge, St Hilary took the eye of prospectors. A number of lead shafts and trial pits were sunk. The 1877 Ordnance Survey map shows the Bell Mine, and later editions show a rash of ‘old lead shafts’ were sunk in and around Coed y Selar.

There was also the curious ‘Ianto Frank’s Cave’ near his cottage. It may be limestone country, but caves are rather rare

in the Bro. To the north-west, at Llangan, was another lead mining area.

Of the Tewgoed mine, Gwallter Mechain wrote in 1815: ‘Here the grand vein runs nearly east and west through the limestone, and leading to the noon sun. On the south side of the vein is a bluish calcareous earth called liman.’

‘The vein itself called the red vein, from the colour of its contents, has nodules of lead ore imbedded in it, with a rider of calcareous freestone. Three parallel veins, called the blue veins, run obliquely from the north-west into this red vein.’

‘The ore of the blue veins is galena, or laminar potter’s ore. Near the junction of the blue veins with the transverse red vein, a shaft was sunk, and a rich belly of steel-grained ore was discovered. This induced the miners to sink two other shafts near the junction of the other two blue veins with the red with equal success.’

Further remains of the lead mines in the parish of Llangan can be found near Gelliaraul Farm (including the 30-foot high chimney stack). Records show that as far back as the 1660s significant amounts of lead from local mines were shipped from Aberdawan and Cardiff.

In the 19th century, companies were formed to work the mines. In 1852, Tewgoed Mine was started again; the Glamorgan Mining Company was formed and although between 1877-78 141 tons were enough to create the Glamorgan Consolidated Lead Mining Company (with a capital of £30,000) it too failed, and it seems that soon after lead mining around Cowbridge ceased.

For the keen geologist, lumps of galena can be found in outcrops of limestone – such as the eastern end of Sully Island (matt black when oxidised but grey-silver when chipped open).

*Finally, there was – according to local tradition – an ‘Alabaster Cave’ on the foreshore at Penarth, whence blocks of the rock found their way into the construction of the ‘Alabaster Church’ (St Catherine’s) at Baglan.*

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issues may arise if not addressed in your Will.

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Ensure that you have a Will in place and that it is up to date, to avoid any undesired consequences and complications.

Carli Evans is a solicitor with Messrs Passmores Solicitors and a member of Solicitors for the Elderly, a specialist panel of solicitors dealing with elderly client matters and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

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It is important when people make Wills that they are fully aware of their duties and financial

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# BRACE OF WINS FOR PENARTH HOCKEY TEAM

**GREEN** was definitely in the ascendancy in the GoCrea8 Hockey League as Penarth Hockey Club recorded a brace of victories over Llanishen & Caerphilly.

**PENARTH 8, LLANISHEN & CAERPHILLY 0**

After suffering a shock defeat to Cirencester, Penarth had the perfect opportunity to rebuild their confidence as they welcomed Llanishen & Caerphilly – the team that had provided the Vale side with their biggest win of the season in a 16-0 mauling – to the new facility at Stanwell.

Despite immediately being on the front foot, however, the Bears struggled to find the early breakthrough as the visitors packed their 'D' with bodies but, with the pressure mounting and the Llanishen & Caerphilly defenders tiring, desperate tackles led to a string of penalty corners, allowing Penarth's Laith El-Khatib to fire home two trademark drag flicks to open the scoring.

The returning strike force of Philip

Lane and David Joyce put Penarth in full control of the match. First Joyce timed his run perfectly to latch onto a cross from the right, before Lane tapped home to put the home side 4-0 up at half-time.

The second period continued in much the same vein, with Penarth dominating possession and territory and limiting the visitors to a few half chances.

Once again, the penalty corners began to pile up and the hosts took the opportunity to experiment with some new routines. Although most still needed some work on the training ground, one paid off in spectacular fashion as player-coach Ben Croxall flicked high from the right side of the 'D' to return to the scoresheet off the inside of the far post.

Joyce would go on to bag a brace of goals, albeit in contentious circumstances as an attempt to square the ball across the 'D' resulted in an unfortunate deflection off a Llanishen & Caerphilly stick that guided the ball into the own net.

Desperate to hang onto El-Khatib's coat tails in the goalscoring charts, Joyce was more than happy to claim the goal. Chris Baker chipped in with a goal from midfield before El-Khatib rounded off his

hat-trick with the last touch of the game, diving low to his left to sweep home a one-handed reverse stick shot.

Penarth have wasted no time at all in turning their new home pitch into a fortress by winning an impressive nine from nine since it opened in September and, with their latest clean sheet meaning that they have conceded less than a goal a game while scoring an incredible 67 – the march towards promotion continues apace.

**LLANISHEN & CAERPHILLY B 0, PENARTH A 12**

The second XI travelled to face their own Llanishen & Caerphilly opposition for the second time in two days on Sunday and, having seen the first encounter abandoned to the elements and a flooded pitch before the opening whistle, were grateful that the weather eased enough to complete a game that had already been rescheduled after the original fixture was cancelled due to a frozen pitch.

Despite facing lowly opponents, Penarth started in their usual lackadaisical fashion, giving the ball away and not gaining control, but somehow took the

lead with David Joyce opening the scoring from close range. This settled the team down and, exerting greater influence over proceedings, the Bears went on to score six more before half-time, creating a comfortable seven-goal cushion at the break.

The scoreline ensured one of the easiest half-time team talks of the season but, with the Penarth goalkeeper having only been called into action once in the first half and the defence doing more attacking than defending, it remained important how the Vale side played the second half.

With the Penarth forwards finding the back of the net far too easily – and looking dangerous every time they came forward despite wasting chances – it remained one-way traffic to the final whistle. The youngsters in Llanishen & Caerphilly's midfield worked tirelessly for their team, and much credit must be given for their efforts, but it wasn't to be their day as Penarth ran out 12-0 victors.

It was one of those games where it was difficult to pick a man-of-the-match, with Dave Watkins and Sam Chick both scoring a hat-trick and Joyce adding a

further four goals to his opening strike, with Jamie Davison picking up the remainder. However, it was decided that Chick should take the accolade for an all-round display that unselfishly created a number of chances for his team-mates.

While the thirds again sit out league action this weekend, both the first and second XIs face tricky mid-table opposition, with the senior side travelling to Aberystwyth University and the seconds taking on a Whitchurch side that proved stubborn in rain-soaked conditions before the Christmas break.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b\_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d\_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information. **CL**

## Fixture pile-up for Barry RFC

**YET** again last weekend the weather was the winner as Barry's top of the table clash against Porth was cancelled, leaving the club with a fixture pile up which will see the season extended into May.

This weekend sees the second XV play Caerau Ely in the cup with the kick-off moved to 1.30pm. Prior to this the third XV are due to play Barcelona University with that game kicking off at 10.30am, so come and join us for a feast of rugby, including Wales v Scotland on the big screen.

Last week's Mega Lottery numbers were 1, 2, 8 and 13 and there were no winners – this week's jackpot will be £1,280.

**AJ**

## Under-10s get new sponsor

**BARRY Athletic Football Club's under-10 teams** have been fortunate enough to have new training kits supplied by a local businessman.

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Ketan came to visit the boys in training recently and said: "It's great to see youngsters enjoying regular exercise instead of being stuck indoors on computer games. We are more than happy to support such a great cause."

The club would like to publicly thank Ketan and his family for their generosity.

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## Tennis course for juniors

A new series of junior tennis coaching programmes to help children of all ages to get into tennis and develop their skills is starting this weekend (February 14) at Barry Athletic Tennis Club on Barry Island.

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# First competition of the year for Rhoose Lifeguards



Ava Wong.

THE last report we published from a Nipper competition was at the end of a summer beach and ocean event in 2015.

It seems a long time ago now but the team of Nippers from Rhoose Lifeguards have kept themselves busy and fit over the autumn and winter months preparing for the first of the indoor pool competitions, the Welsh Stillwaters Championships.

The Welsh Championships, held this year on Sunday, January 17 at Cardiff International Pool, saw children, aged seven-13 years old, take part in a number of races combining swimming and surf lifesaving techniques.

With a packed day of events a team of over 60 Nippers from Rhoose entered manikin carry,



Ruby and Connie.

flipper and board races as well as a number of relays.

As with every year the team from Rhoose have a number of newcomers competing and this year the boys and girls in the youngest age group performed excellently in their first championships.

Some great results were achieved overall with special mention going to gold-medal winning Welsh champion Ava Wong and congratulations also to Evie Wong and Connie Millar for winning all of their individual races. A fantastic achievement!

Liz Wong, Nipper co-ordinator had the following words to

complement the teams' achievements: "A huge well done to all of our Nippers who competed at the Welsh Championships. Not only did they put in some impressive performances in their races but also behaved perfectly throughout the day. Well done everyone and thanks for a very rewarding day!"

The team finished in second place overall.

Individual medal winners: Ava Wong – Gold board race, Silver Flipper race, Elian Davies – Silver board race, Bronze manikin carry, Connie Millar – Gold board race, Gold flipper race, Gold manikin carry, Evie



Girls board relay team.

Wong – Gold board race, Gold flipper race, Gold manikin carry, Ruby Phillips – Silver Flipper race, Silver manikin carry, Ellie Bryan – Bronze flipper race, Emily Parker – Bronze flipper race, Ben Ewington – Bronze manikin carry.

A number of medals were also won in the team and pair events.

Lastly a big thank you

to all of the Nipper parents, grandparents and friends for supporting the team.

Thanks also to all of those who helped with timekeeping and moving manikins around on the day. We'll be reporting again soon from the Junior, Senior and Masters Championships held again at Cardiff International Pool.

JF

## When Marion and Lay Bye V1 beat Mandryka!

Report by Brian Lee

THE Vale's Marion Thomas, who as far as I know is one of the few point-to-point riders who can claim to have ridden winners in Wales, Scotland and England, left a telephone message for me last week wanting to know if I could remember when women were first allowed to ride against the men in point-to-points.

Also, could I tell when she rode Lay Bye V1 to victory over the Welsh wonder horse Mandryka.

Well, Marion, in my book *The Races Came Off – The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales*, I wrote:

"In 1967 the rules of point-to-pointing were changed to allow women to ride against men in races confined to the hunt's promoting the meeting. Chepstow's Celia Conley was the first to take advantage of the new rule when winning the members' race at the Curra at Howick on Milton Bradley's *Octroi*, who was winning for the first time.

"Another to take full advantage was Rose Harry, who in doing so, became the first lady rider to win two races in the same afternoon. *Mr Harry*, from Dinas Powys, riding at the Penttyrch at Penlllyn, made all the running on *April Witch* to take the members' race, and later the ladies' open race on *her Zur*."

As for the year that Marion scored a famous win over Tom Morgan's *Mandryka*, that was in 1972 – the year that *Octroi* won over the Howick course for the ninth time in as many starts.

I wrote: "But it was not a happy day for Shan Morgan, for at the Vale

of Clettwr, when partnering *Mandryka*, she allowed Marion Thomas, riding *Mr D G Thomas' Lay Bye V1*, to steal a long lead. In fact, at one stage, *Lay Bye V1* was a fence clear of *Mandryka*, and although the little horse made up considerable ground, he had been left with far too much to do and was eventually beaten a length.

"Marion's clever tactics in slipping the field paid off handsomely and she was rewarded with a time of six minutes and six seconds, which was a record for the Pencader course.

"There were also wins for two of Marion's relatives during the afternoon. Her brother-in-law Mike Thomas won the adjacent *Abbot's Haven* and her cousin, William Tudor the maiden on *Redder's Boy*."

For the record, *Octroi*, in a career which lasted six seasons, won 22 races while the Welsh wonder horse *Mandryka*, who had graced the scene for eight seasons, won 38 ladies' open races, five men's open races and a hunter-chase at Chepstow when ridden by Cowbridge's John Llewellyn.

I attended and reported on all the above races that I have written about.

## BRIDGE RESULTS

RESULTS of the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for February 7:

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• LIVING ROOM  
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST  
• THREE BEDROOMS  
• WELL PRESENTED  
• NO FORWARD CHAIN  
• VIEWING ADVISED  
• EPC - D

£124,950



BRAMBLE AVENUE, BARRY

• MODERN SEMI DETACHED  
• LIVING ROOM  
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST  
• REPLACEMENT BATHROOM  
• DRIVEWAY WITH AMPLE PARKING  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL  
• EPC - D

£142,950



DENBIGH WAY, BARRY

• SEMI DETACHED, WELL PRESENTED  
• GROUND FLOOR: LIVING ROOM, KITCHEN/BREAKFAST, REAR PORCH, TWO BEDROOMS  
• UPPER GROUND FLOOR: LIVING ROOM, KITCHEN/BREAKFAST, REAR PORCH, TWO BEDROOMS  
• DRIVEWAY/GARAGE  
• NO CHAIN  
• EPC - D

£152,950



ST. BRANNOCKS CLOSE, BARRY

• 1/2 FLOOR, MID TERRACE  
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT  
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
• TWO BEDROOMS (PREVIOUSLY THREE)  
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST  
• FAMILY BATHROOM  
• DRIVEWAY/PARKING  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• NO CHAIN  
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£157,950



COED-Y-CAPEL, BARRY

• THREE BEDROOM  
• SEMI DETACHED WIMPEY CONSTRUCTED  
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
• FITTED KITCHEN  
• DRIVEWAY/PARKING  
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
• NO CHAIN  
• EPC - D

£161,000



COLBROOK ROAD EAST, BARRY

• TWO DWELLINGS SOLD AS ONE  
• SEPARATE TITLE DEEDS  
• SEPARATE BOILERS/ONE ELECTRIC SUPPLY  
• NO 11 LIVING ROOM  
• NO 12 BEDROOMS  
• NO 13 LIVING ROOMING RM  
• KITCHEN/UTILITY SHOWER RM  
• TWO BEDS, BATHROOM  
• NO CHAIN

£164,950



MIN-Y-MOR, BARRY

• SPACIOUS DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW  
• COLD INAP VIEWS  
• LIVING DINING ROOM  
• KITCHEN/CONSERVATORY  
• IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION  
• LIVING ROOM  
• TWO BEDROOMS  
• FAMILY BATHROOM  
• GCH VIA COMB. UP/DG  
• NO CHAIN  
• NO CHAIN/DREWS

£269,950



HEOL CILFFRYDD, BARRY

• TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT  
• SECOND FLOOR  
• LIVING ROOM WITH FRENCH DOORS  
• MASTER BEDROOM EN SUITE  
• FAMILY BATHROOM  
• OPEN PLAN KITCHEN WITH INTEGRATED APPLIANCES  
• WELL PRESENTED  
• DESIGNATED PARKING  
• EPC - E

£114,950



GWENNOLY MOR, BARRY

• MODERN LINKED DETACHED  
• FITTED KITCHEN, W.C. CLOAK  
• LIVING ROOM, CONSERVATORY  
• SITTING RM (PART CONVERTED GARAGE)  
• THREE BEDROOMS (EN-SUITE)  
• DRIVEWAY/PARKING  
• SMALL STORAGE AREA TO FRONT GARAGE  
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL  
• IMMACULATE PRESENTATION  
• EPC - A

£204,950



MARINE DRIVE, BARRY

• FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED  
• DRIVEWAY/PARKING  
• DOUBLE GARAGE/PARKING  
• LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM  
• SITTING ROOM/STUDY  
• LANDSCAPED LEVEL GARDEN  
• MINUTES WALK FROM BEACHES  
• NO CHAIN

£394,950



COLCOT ROAD, BARRY

• TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED  
• SPACIOUS LIVING THROUGHOUT  
• THREE BED ROOMS  
• TWO BEDROOMS  
• KITCHEN/DINING  
• UTILITY SHOWER ROOM  
• LARGER THAN AVERAGE  
• MINUTES WALK FROM APPROX  
• DRIVEWAY/GARAGE

£310,000



GUTHRIE STREET, BARRY

• STUNNING PRESENTATION  
• MID TERRACE, REAR GARDEN  
• WALKED FORTH COURTYARD AREA  
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST  
• REAR PORCH  
• FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM  
• GARAGE - LAND ACCESS  
• REFURBISHED THROUGHOUT  
• EPC - D

£121,950



MERIONETH PLACE, BARRY

• DETACHED BUNGALOW  
• IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION  
• LIVING ROOM  
• TWO BEDROOMS  
• FAMILY BATHROOM  
• GCH VIA COMB. UP/DG  
• NO CHAIN  
• NO CHAIN/DREWS

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- Standing in 1.07 acres
- 4 bedrooms
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- Sought-after village

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- Extending to approximately 23 acres
- Located on outskirts of Garth

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- Mid-terrace property
- Private garden to rear
- 3 bedrooms
- On street parking

£105,000

### CAE STUMPIE, COWBRIDGE



- Extended end of terrace
- 3 bedrooms & 3 receptions
- Master en-suite
- Close to town centre
- Off road parking

£285,000

### OAKWOOD BUNGALOW, LLANMAES



- Large detached residence
- 4 bedrooms
- 3 receptions
- 5.5 acres in total

£599,000

### LAND AT WATERTON LANE



- Development land
- Extending to c.1.1 acres

£500,000

### MAES Y BRYN, COLWINSTON



- Semi detached house
- 2 reception rooms
- 3 bedrooms
- In need of total modernisation

£210,000

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- Traditional semi detached house
- 3 bedrooms
- Extended and improved
- Well regarded location

£220,000

### CLOS FFAWYDDEN, YSTRADOWEN



- Detached property
- 4 bedrooms
- Detached double garage
- Large rear garden

£410,000

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- 115.5 acres in total
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<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Port Road East</b> £290,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SIX BEDROOMS</li> <li>• FOUR RECEPTION ROOMS</li> <li>• COUNTRYSIDE VIEWS</li> <li>• DORMA BUNGALOW</li> <li>• DETACHED</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Whitefarm</b> £140,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TWO BEDROOMS</li> <li>• SEMI DETACHED</li> <li>• WELL PRESENTED</li> <li>• ENCLOSED GARDEN</li> <li>• OFF ROAD PARKING</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Dovedale Street</b> £130,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RECENTLY REFURBISHED</li> <li>• THREE BEDROOMS</li> <li>• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN</li> <li>• CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Barry Road</b> £140,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THREE BEDROOMED</li> <li>• SEMI DETACHED</li> <li>• CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE</li> <li>• OFFERED FOR SALE WITH NO ONGOING CHAIN</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Walker Road</b> £115,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEMI - DETACHED</li> <li>• UPSTAIRS BATHROOM</li> <li>• CONSERVATORY</li> <li>• BRISTOL CHANNEL VIEWS</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Barry Road</b> £80,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TWO BEDROOMED</li> <li>• FIRST FLOOR</li> <li>• WELL PRESENTED</li> <li>• CLOSE TO AMENITIES</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Afal Sur</b> £309,950</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUITABLE FOR DUAL LIVING</li> <li>• SPLIT LEVEL</li> <li>• CHANNEL VIEWS</li> <li>• WELL PRESENTED</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Powis View</b> £105,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT</li> <li>• TWO BEDROOMS</li> <li>• DOUBLE GLAZED</li> <li>• WELL PRESENTED</li> <li>• COMMUNAL CAR PARK</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Harvey Street</b> £70,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TWO BEDROOMS</li> <li>• DOUBLE GLAZED</li> <li>• CLOSE TO AMENITIES</li> <li>• CLOSE TO TRAIN STATION</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Cwrt Edward</b> £147,950</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TWO BEDROOMS</li> <li>• CONSERVATORY</li> <li>• OFF ROAD PARKING</li> <li>• WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Heol Corswigen</b> £175,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THREE BEDROOMS</li> <li>• CORNER PLOT</li> <li>• WELL PRESENTED</li> <li>• PENCOEDTRE VILLAGE</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Hywel Crescent</b> £120,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THREE BEDROOMS</li> <li>• SEMI DETACHED</li> <li>• LARGER THAN AVERAGE PLOT</li> <li>• SINGLE GARAGE</li> <li>• NO ONGOING CHAIN</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Palmerston Road</b> £90,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OFFERS OVER £90,000</li> <li>• TWO BEDROOMS</li> <li>• GAS CENTRAL HEATING</li> <li>• NO ONGOING CHAIN</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Brookfield Avenue</b> £142,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TWO BEDROOMS</li> <li>• WELL PRESENTED</li> <li>• SEMI DETACHED</li> <li>• OFF ROAD PARKING</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Clos Cefni</b> £212,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS</li> <li>• CONSERVATORY</li> <li>• INTEGRAL GARAGE</li> <li>• NO ONGOING CHAIN</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Buttlee Court</b> £90,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THREE BEDROOMS</li> <li>• CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE</li> <li>• CHANNEL VIEWS</li> <li>• IDEAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Paget Road</b> £85,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ONE BEDROOMED</li> <li>• ALLOCATED PARKING</li> <li>• SEASIDE RESORT</li> <li>• CLOSE TO AMENITIES</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Denbigh Way</b> £135,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DORMA BUNGALOW</li> <li>• THREE BEDROOMS</li> <li>• TWO RECEPTION ROOMS</li> <li>• MATURE GARDENS</li> <li>• SINGLE GARAGE</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Jenner Court</b> £112,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDEAL STARTER HOME</li> <li>• TWO BEDROOMS</li> <li>• ENCLOSED GARDEN</li> <li>• OFF ROAD PARKING</li> <li>• NO ONGOING CHAIN</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sales</b></p>  <p><b>Dylan Crescent</b> £97,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEMI DETACHED</li> <li>• THREE BEDROOMS</li> <li>• CORNER PLOT</li> <li>• NO ONGOING CHAIN</li> </ul>







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C76



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F38



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D68



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D65



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D59



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C72



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E42



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D67



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Superb 2015 Refitted Kitchen  
GCH; uPVC; Garage; No Chain

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C73



**Llwyn Y Gog, Rhooose Point**  
3 Bedrooms  
Conservatory and Garage  
Refitted Kitchen

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C71



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D64



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C73



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Vera will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service to be held on Friday, 12th February 2016 in Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm. Family flowers only requested. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent direct to Macmillan Cancer Support, Supporter Donations, Freepost, LON 15851, 89 Albert Road, London, SE1 7UQ or Wales Air Ambulance, Ty Elusen, Bay Studios Business Park, Fabian Way, Swansea, SA1 8QB.

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#### Olive Jean (née Martyn)

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#### Alasdair

The family of Alasdair are very grateful to, and would like to thank, all the staff of Bay View Lodge Nursing Home, the team from Ty Jenner and the Doctors of West Quay, for the tremendous care and love they have given to Alasdair.

### ISAAC

#### Mary

Mary's family would like to thank everyone who attended the service at Bethesda'r Fro Church on February 1, and for the cards, flowers and messages of condolence.

A big thank you to the Rev Irfon James, Carole and Arthur of WA James & Son, Joan and Mary of Bethesda'r Fro; also the Rev Sue Fender, Angela and John for their help with the funeral.

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She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Sheila is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her Requiem Mass at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Thursday, February 18 at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family floral tributes only, donations if desired may be made at the service to The Alzheimer's Society in memory of Sheila.

The family wish to thank all at Baltimore House for their continued care and support shown.

### CURTIS

#### Esther Elsie Mary

Peacefully on February 8 at Hazelhurst Nursing Home, Penarth. Esther Elsie Mary, aged 90 years, previously of Parkland Walk, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Douglas. A loved mother of Pam, John, David and mother-in-law of Jan, Lynn and the late Colin. Cherished grandmother of Sarah, Alex, Matthew, Becky, Victoria, Tom, great grandmother of Jessica, Mia, Oscar and Isabella.

Esther will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Thursday, February 18, service at All Saints Church, Barry, 12 noon, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for RAFA Benevolent Fund.



## Public Notices

# NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF SCHEDULE 14 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 2 PORTHKERRY (PART) PUBLIC PATH STOPPING UP ORDER 2015

On 26th January 2016 the Welsh Ministers confirmed the above order with modifications.

The effect of the order as confirmed is to stop up part of Public Footpath No 2 Porthkerry between a point south of the rail line in Rhosce (NGR 307050 166100) and the adopted highway. From Ecthi (NGR 307054 166000) as shown on the order map.

A copy of the confirmed order and order map may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

This order comes into force on 11th February 2016 but if any person aggrieved by the order desires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the order, he or she may apply to the High Court for any of those purposes under section 287 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to that Act.

Dated 11th February 2016

Head of Regeneration and Planning  
Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT



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Effaith y gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd, yw cau rhan o lwybr Troed Cyhoeddus 2 Porthkerry rhwng man sydd i'r de o'r rheilffordd yn Y Rhosce (CGC 307050 166100) a phrifffordd fabwysiedig, Troes Ecthi (CGC 307054 166000), fel y dangosir ar y map.

Cewch weld copi o'r gorchymyn a gadarnhawyd a map y gorchymyn yn rhad ac am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT, yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gwydd copïau o'r gorchymyn a'r map o'r wirth yn am £4.50 yr un.

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## Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Glen Harry Haulage Ltd of Langcross Farm, Pen-y-Turnpike Rd, Dinas Powys CF64 4HG is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To add an operating centre to keep 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at **Langcross Farm, Pen-y-Turnpike Rd, Dinas Powys, CF64 4HG.**

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**PICTURED:**  
Lucia Cunningham,  
Lucy Newman,  
Mason Blackley;  
Ron Thomas, Keita  
Enfield, Jessie  
Blackley, Cian  
Allen, Joel Wells,  
Jake Quigley, Cody  
Jacobsen, Cameron  
Evans, Charlie  
Rogers, Thea  
Cunningham and  
Maddison Allen  
with their  
instructor.

## Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do takes part in the English Championships

CADOXTON School of Tae Kwon Do took part in its first tournament of 2016 in Cheltenham, where over 500 competitors from all over the UK competed in the Global Tae Kwon Do International English Championships.

In the pattern categories, Keita Enfield took first place in the ladies' black belt, Charlie Rogers took a third in the junior green belt; while Jessica Blackley and Lucia Cunningham had a run-off for third place in the girls' red belt category, with Jessica taking third place.

Competing in the junior girls' green belt lightweight category, Charlie Rogers fought off all her competitors to take a well deserved first place. Young Maddison Allen and Thea Cunningham were in the same junior girls' lightweight blue belt category, Maddison just losing out, with Thea progressing

through to the final – where she fought well to take the silver and second place.

In the girls' junior red belt middleweight category, Jessica Blackley fought her way into the final, coming away with silver. Not to be outdone by his little sister, Mason Blackley fought his way through the red belt heavyweight category eventually taking bronze medal.

Cameron Evans, competing in one of the largest categories on the day – the boys' red belt middleweight section – battled his way through each round to eventually come away with the bronze and third place.

In the junior boys' middleweight, black belts were Joel Wells, Cian Allen, Jake Quigley and, fighting up a category, Cody Jacobsen, who gave a good account of himself but was up against it in this larger category.

Jake and Cian went out in the earlier rounds, while Joel fought his way through to the final, coming away with the silver and second place.

Competing in the girls' black belt middleweight was Lucy Newman, who went through the rounds and came away with third place and the bronze.

Competing up a weight, Keita Enfield fought in the women's middleweight black belt category and had to fight hard to overcome some dubious judging, to eventually get third place.

The day ended on a special note with Keita Enfield (retaining her title for the third time) again the winner of the GTI 2014/15 Ladies Black Belt Grand Prix. This prestigious award was presented to her by the undefeated world heavyweight champion, Master Tony Sewell.

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**Keita Enfield, Grand Champion.**

## Blast from the past – 1998

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

**B**RIAN LEE, who is celebrating 50 years of reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene, this week takes a look back to the time the Llangeinor Hunt staged their annual point-to-point for the first time at Laleston and under the heading 'GEM Correspondent Tips 33-1 Winner', this is what he reported:

The Llangeinor Hunt staged their annual point-to-point over a new course at Laleston near Bridgend, on Saturday (May 2), and officials are to be congratulated on getting the course ready at such short notice after losing their usual course at Margam.

The viewing was more than satisfactory from both fields and, with a few improvements, such as the resiting of the numbers' board and a roped area from the last fence to the winning post, the course can be improved upon for next year. One rider summed up the three circuit course as "a typical Welsh track."

However, local rider Tim Vaughan (18), who had never ridden a double before, let alone a treble, will always have happy memories of the track as he scored a hat-trick on *Cairneymount* (members), *Abbey Waters* (maiden division one) and *Mountain Slave* (maiden division three).

Local farmer Bill Howells admitted to winning £2,000 on his mare *Mountain Slave* who was finishing a race for the first time in six starts!

Another shock winner was *Willchris* who delayed the start of the confined race but, when he was persuaded to line up made all the running to give 17-year-old Ebbw Vale schoolboy Greg Richards his first winner.

*Willchris*'s win was no surprise to your correspondent as, when interviewed by BBC Wales's Owen Money before the race, I had told him to back it. A delighted Owen told me later that he did, and won £66!

Llandow's Bob Mason had his first win as a trainer when his mare *Bit Of A Citizen*, took the men's open race. Ridden by the Vale's Evan Williams, *Bit Of A Citizen* scored by five lengths from *Sun Of Chance*.

Pip Jones rode her 19th winner of the season on *High Guardian* in the intermediate. Owned by Ian Brice of St Hilary, *High Guardian* was winning for the fourth time this season.

In the ladies' open race, Keith Pearce's *Ozzie Jones* made it three wins in a row with his daughter Lucy aboard.

I also reported that *Saffron Moss*, owned and trained by former Cowbridge rider Ross Farr and his wife Shan, was a shock 33-1 winner of the Dunraven Bowl South and West Wales point-to-point champion hunter chase at Chepstow on April 21.

Those few punters who backed *Saffron Moss* on the tote were rewarded with odds of 106-1!

Mr Farr won the Welsh point-to-point riders' championship on one occasion and Mrs Farr who, as Shan Morgan, rode Wales' most famous point-to-pointer, *Mandryka*.

In the 1970s, *Mandryka* won 44 races, including a hunters' chase at Chepstow with Cowbridge's John Llewellyn in the saddle.

For the record, *Saffron Moss* was ridden by the Vale's Fiona Wilson, who was a Welsh champion point-to-point rider.

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# COTTRELL PARK CLUB LANDS MAJOR AWARD!



Picture by Steve Pope.

**COTTRELL PARK** Golf Resort has been named '2015 Future Financials Welsh Golf Club of the Year' at the Golf Union of Wales annual awards ceremony at Celtic Manor Resort.

The resort, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, was awarded the honour because of its diversity, outstanding customer service and commitment to the environment.

The ambitious club has seen over 20,000 golf visitors in the past 12 months, an increase of two per cent on the previous year, due to its development and expansion of wide-ranging leisure facilities.

There have been 27 weddings and six wedding fayres, firmly establishing the resort as an elegant venue for weddings with award winning cuisine.

Cottrell Park Resort also hosts corporate parties and team building events, attracting a wider demographic of visitors to experience the vast facilities.

While the club prides itself on being a welcoming resort that doesn't alienate local guests and tourists, it keeps the traditions and etiquette of golf at its heart.

Head greenkeeper, Paul Morgan who has already celebrated his own personal 20th anniversary as a valued employee of Cottrell Park, has seen the club grow from its inception in the mid 1990s to the two 18-hole championship-maintained golf courses on offer today.

Derek Smith, general manager, was delighted with the accolade: "This is the result of many years of hard work by each and every person at the resort, and I couldn't wait to go back and let everyone know.

"We aim to be accessible to all but 40 years in this industry has taught me that it is equally important to remain loyal to our members and this award proves that the team of staff we have here have delivered on every level.

"I'd also like to thank the owners of the resort David and Jonathan Johns-Powell for their continued support, their vision and their willingness to always invest in the resort"

Customer service has been a high priority at the resort which Smith attributes much of the resorts success to.



## Barrivale Bridge Club results

**LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for February 2:**

1st Kay Dyer & Mike Close 64.29%; 2nd Debbie & Simon Richards 58.33%; 3rd Huw & Celia Thomas 55.95%; Dave Reed

and Bryn Gough won on handicap. The 2015 team winners were Irene Thomas, Jenny Vaughan, Mike Best and Mike Close (pictured above).

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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## Brynhill ladies' teams look back over a busy year of golf



Brynhill Golf Club ladies' team captains at the dinner.

**BRYNHILL** Golf Club ladies section has three successful teams, all competing in the Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire ladies county golf league.

On Thursday, the teams of 2015 got together at their club for a celebratory dinner with the ladies' captain, Mrs Liz Fine.

The team captains, Mrs Sam Pascoe (first team) Mrs Rose Pitman (second) and Mrs Carole Bumford (third) duly paid for all the drinks as a 'thank you' to the members for their commitment over the past year. A fun night was had by all.

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The teams at the county netball tournament.

## Cowbridge Comp girls selected for county and national squads



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following pupils who were selected to represent Cardiff and the Vale in the recent County Netball tournament - a fantastic achievement, well done girls!

Under-14 - Bethan Edwards, Frankie Coates, Helena McCormack; under-16 - Annabel Hegarty and Selina Radcliffe

Also, congratulations to Daisy Connolly in year 9, who was been selected to attend the Wales National under-15 football camp on February 9-10 - we wish her well.

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# Barry to face Barry in chess encounter!

IT is always nice to see players returning from a sabbatical, no matter how long it may be.

I noticed that this week Tom Davies played his first match for almost two years for Bridgend Central. He becomes the third Tom Davies to play this season with the others representing North Cardiff and St John's College in the Minor League.

For the Barry Chess Club, there was only one match to consider this week. In division one, our two teams, the Bosons and the Camelots met.

This produced an interesting dilemma for team captain Ken Hannah. A big victory for the Bosons would enhance their chances of finishing in third place.

A big victory for the Camelots would enhance ever so slightly the meagre chance that the Camelots have of avoiding relegation.

This however is Barry. We are never ones to take the easy route. The teams were selected with three matches that should be close but the Bosons were expected to win on the top two boards to win the match reasonably narrowly. As I said this is

Barry.

The top three boards were drawn. John Stephenson for the Camelots took board 5 so the outcome of the match rested on board 4.

Although the Camelots held an advantage in a long drawn-out game, Stephen Bonutto ran out the winner for the Bosons when his opponent's flag fell. So the match was drawn.

Honours even but this really doesn't do much good for either team – still there is always next week.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

## CHARITY SEVENS EVENT IN BARRY

**BARRY Comprehensive School is getting set to host the largest cross border sevens tournament in Wales this year.**

The tournament will be held on Sunday, February 28 at Barry

Rugby Club on Merthyr Dyfan Way and will see 32 of Britain's best under-13 school teams competing.

The rugby starts at 10.15am with the four finals scheduled for 4pm, and the day should provide an excellent level of competition.

Proceeds from the day will go towards the school's Sri Lanka charity appeal as well as helping fund the school's rugby programme.

The club will be open all day with refreshments and food available and the bar will also be open.

"We are very excited about this event and hope to get a lot of supporters attending," said Dai Manley, the tournament organiser.

"Barry Rugby Club have been extremely helpful in letting us use their facilities and local businesses New Broad Street Motors and the Macron Sportstore, Cardiff, have been fantastic with sponsorship of the event."

Teams are coming from as far afield as Devon, Doncaster and Sutton Coldfield to take part, as well as Cardigan, Llandovery and Monmouth, so we have representatives from all over the country, not to mention local sides Barry Comprehensive, Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Cowbridge.

Entry on the day is £3 for adults and £1 for children and all members of the public are welcome to come and watch top class school rugby.

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## Champ Maisie (14) inspires gymnasts



**THE YMCA Barry's female competitive gymnastics squad had an exciting visitor to help with their training last week.**

Maisie Methuen (14) is one of Britain's most promising gymnasts, who even at this young age has had huge success.

This includes becoming the 2014 British Espoir Champion, the 2015 British Junior Silver medallist, the 2015 Welsh Junior Champion and even winning a historic silver medal for her beam routine at the European Youth Olympics.

Maisie, with all this experience and knowledge, certainly inspired the YMCA Barry gymnasts to progress further.

Maisie spent the session coaching and passing on her specialist knowledge to help improve skills.

The gymnasts also had the opportunity to ask Maisie questions

about her experiences (they even got a little demonstration!).

YMCA Barry would like to say a big 'thank you' to Maisie. All the gymnasts finished the session truly inspired by Maisie's achievements and determined to improve their own gymnastic skills.

All the YMCA Barry gymnasts are looking forward to prove they are a force to be reckoned with in 2016.

YMCA Barry offers a range of classes for boys and girls from toddler classes to elite levels in male, female and rhythmic gymnastics all delivered by very qualified coaches. We are also expanding our activities to now include cheerleading as well adult gymnastics for all abilities.

*This is a great way to have fun and keep fit! If you would like more information about any of our classes please ring 01446 724000, or email [sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk](mailto:sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk).*

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## Cowbridge darts league round-up

**ON Tuesday February 2, an interesting evening of league darts was played.**

The Edmondson B beat the Old Post Ladies 8-1 to strengthen their hold on top spot, while in the chasing pack the Highwayman Inn took over second place from

Llanharby by beating Ladies (16).

Next Tuesday, February 16, the completion of the Clive Blick trophy on January 26, means that no matches are scheduled.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul a [cowbridgedarts@gmail.com](mailto:cowbridgedarts@gmail.com), up-to-date information can be found on the website: [www.darts.apsn.co.uk](http://www.darts.apsn.co.uk).

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## Evan's Oscar winner!

**LLANCARFAN trainer Evan Williams saw his nine-year-old boy gelding Oscar Sunset land the two-miles novices' chase at Chepstow last Friday.**

Partnered by 5lb claimer Conor Ring, Oscar Sunset won by three-and-a-quarter lengths from the favourite Baltimore Rock.

This was Evan's 22nd winner over the last five years at Chepstow and only English trainers Philip Hobbs and David Pipe have saddled more.

There are 126 entries for this year's Grand National in April and Evan, whose great ambition is to win the world's greatest steeplechase, has entered three of them - they are Buywise, Aerlite Supreme and Firebird Flyer.

BRIAN LEE

## John Barnes' Penarth visit

**LIVERPOOL FC and England legend John Barnes was recently in the Vale, starring in a sports dinner held at the Vale Sports Arena in Penarth supporting PG10 Coaching.**

Hundreds of guests were given opportunities to learn about Barnes' career achievements and he told stories from a successful professional football career and offered an insight into the successful Liverpool sides he played for – and also his opinions on the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Further sports dinners are planned with sporting names attending the Vale Sports Arena including Craig Bellamy, Andrew Cole and Paul Gascoigne.

All events are at the Vale Sports Arena and

guests will enjoy a three course meal, auctions, games, Q&A, guest speakers and much more. For tickets please email [info@valesportsarena.co.uk](mailto:info@valesportsarena.co.uk).

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## Meeting date arranged

**THE pre-season meeting of Llantwit Major lady bowlers will now be held on Monday, March 7 at 10am.**

All members are requested to attend, or send their apologies to the secretary.

If you would like to join or find out more about the opportunities of learning to bowl, please come along.

CW

## BARRY AND DISTRICT LADIES SKITTLES LEAGUE

**LATEST results for January 11:**

First division: SV Gals (J Richard 35) 288, Special Angels (C Wills, P Grisdale 31) 295; Bobby's Girls (P Martin 31) 268, Space Finders (K Jackson, R Whyman, D Cleaver) 275; Colcot Ladies (K Taylor, H Edwards 23) 247, Coppers (L Tiley 30) 270; Breakaways (N Smith 33) 317, Baker's Dozen (S Davis 32) 324; Barry Stars (C Lambeth Richards 32) 336; Family Affair (J Walden 30) 277; Castle Bandits (D Collard 27) 241; Allsorts (J Jones 26) 246, Family and Friends (J Jones, C Matthews 27) 258.

Second division: Pila Palas (A William 38) 330, Cad Con Fillies (T Clemenwood 34) 338; Rhooose Ravers (I Birkenhead 26) 244, Castaways (D Thomas 28) 229; Witchill Widows (S Murray 35) 317, Vixens (T Curnick 36) 302; SV Lights (D Thomas 29) 255, Little Devils (T Evans 27) 248; Witchill Webbies (S Davies 36) 344, Rhooose Starlights (K Bryan 33) 310; Clickies (K Watts 30) 310, After Eights (A Mephram, A Jackson 27) 264; Merry Makers (C Hawker 24) 206, Red

Admiral (M Selby 26) 197.

Third division: Rugby Triers (K Brooke 25) 202, Hill Billies (E Anzani 24) 226; Etcetera (C Mackintosh 28) 247, Persuaders (G Hughes 26) 255; Airways Angels (B Gibbs, A Crook 24) 245, Westenders (G Somers 24) 232; Divas (G Gouvier 23) 237, La Belles (S Davies 27) 237; Twilights (A Campbell, C Brown 23) 210, Fallen Angels (C Jones 27) 233; Dolly Mixtures (K Rideout 26) 235, Friends and Neighbours (B Nicholls 22) 172; SV Ladies (K Lacey, C Griffiths 29) 263, Roller Coasters (G Giles 34) 329.

Fourth division: Guardian Angels (S Aston, H Marshall 26) 231, Challengers (A Beales 28) 239; Odd Bods (Jackson 30) 256, Witchill Wanderers (C Morrissey 29) 221; Aristocats (C Chatwell, S Bebb 21) 193, Rebels (J Farr 24) 220; Nite Outers (K Stillman, J Davies, C Mitchem, L White 23) 206, Uptown Girls (K Richardson 25) 226; Hell Raisers (J Rosser 25) 239, Off The Rails (L McCormack 26) 238; 310, Witches (O Weighall 27) 250, Liberals (F Williams, P Schembri 22) 132.

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# SIX NATIONS RUGBY

Frustration as Ireland  
are let off the hook



Stirring fightback, after sloppy start snuffs out Grand Slam hopes



Prop Rob Evans helped to shore up a Welsh scrum that laid the foundations for a Welsh fightback.

## WALES CAN GET BACK ON THE CHAMPIONSHIP TRAIL AGAINST HURTING SCOTS



Pictures from the Huw Evans Agency.

Rhys Priestland, above, played a starring role after Wales lost Dan Biggar. Hopefully, he has now silenced so-called Welsh fans who have shamefully jeered him in the past.

**T**HERE have been hints trickling out from the Wales camp for some time that a subtle change may be in the air – that criticism of Welsh attacking play and, in particular, its relatively sparse try count, with such rugby gurus as Graham Henry and Nick Mallett now joining in the debate – had finally begun to touch a nerve among the management.

Rightly or wrongly, the perception has grown that while a widely-acclaimed, unyielding defence is the team's acknowledged strong point, the same cannot really be said of the attack, which for whatever reason, and despite a world class backline, rarely fulfils its undoubted true potential.

This was highlighted during the Rugby World Cup at Twickenham last autumn, when despite being encamped with

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the ball near the opposing try line for long minutes on end, the inability of an admittedly weakened Welsh team to break away and conjure up an attacking movement to stretch a 13-man Australian defence, cost them a place in the semi-final.

Before Wales set off for their opening Six Nations clash in Dublin at the weekend, former South African coach Mallett observed: "Wales might be able to boast the best backline in the championship, but for me, they appear to be routinely wasting them...Wales would rather build their scores through penalties, instead of trusting their skills and being creative with the ball in their hands."

Former Wales and All Blacks' head coach Henry agreed: "The (Welsh) guys try to use their brawn, rather than brains – and are not putting it together as an attacking unit."

It stung Wales' attack coach, Robert Howley, into admitting: "We have to be more ruthless and clinical ... that's the challenge of international rugby ... and we have to score more tries."

A welcome sign that the message may be getting through, came on Friday evening, when the Wales under-20 team pointed the way for the seniors by outscoring their Irish counterparts by four tries to two in a thrilling 35-24 victory – after being given a licence by their coaches to play 'a fast and attacking style of rugby'.

The question was, would that also be the approach of the near full-strength senior team, hotly favoured against a triple championship-chasing Irish side on Sunday, whose turn it now was to be depleted – lacking several first choice players through injury, and without their retired, inspirational leader Paul O'Connell.

In view of this, most pre-match pundits had made a more settled, seasoned Wales side laden with caps, clear favourites to overcome a first hurdle on the way to a possible championship bid of their own – a tag which once upon a time did not sit easy with men in red more accustomed to being perennial underdogs (the '70s superstar era excepted, of course!)

This may also no longer be the case with Warren Gatland's Wales in 2016, but what is still a factor is the mystifying slowness out of the blocks that has proved costly for so many Welsh teams' hopes in past campaigns – and came perilously near to doing so again on Sunday. For it was the 'underdogs' in green who typically took the battle to Wales from the outset, forcing infringements that saw the impeccable boot of outside half Johnny Sexton punish them with two penalties that took them into a six-point lead barely 10 minutes from the kick-off.

They went on to totally dominate the early exchanges – the Irish pressure capped by a sniping try by scrum half Conor Murray, converted by Sexton, which gave them a commanding 13-0 lead and threatened to take them out of sight before the game

was even 20 minutes old.

To make matters worse, outside half maestro Dan Biggar had been injured and hobbled from the field. He was replaced by former Scarlet Rhys Priestland, who, thankfully, had reversed his decision to retire from international rugby after he crossed the Severn to Bath.

He overcame a shaky start to play a pivotal role (literally) in a Welsh fight-back that began up front, with the forwards slowly beginning to exert control at the set-piece, with young loose-head, Rob Evans, fully vindicating head coach Gatland's decision to start him ahead of veteran Gethin Jenkins (who came on as the weighty Welsh replacements bench emptied in the second half).

The reward came three minutes before half time when following intense pack pressure, Dragons' No 8 Taulupe Faletau broke away from a slightly messy scrum five metres out and barged over for a touchdown, easily converted by Priestland, to add to a penalty minutes earlier, which amazingly brought Wales to within just three points of the Irish and a halftime score of 13-10.

Two minutes after the restart, Priestland failed with a snap drop goal attempt, but was successful with a penalty that brought the teams level at 13-13, after Jonathan Davies, who was back from injury to renew a potent centre partnership with the outstanding Jamie Roberts, had sent green defenders scrambling back with a neat chip through to touch.

A lineup then led to the happily born-again Priestland landing a third penalty that took Wales into a 16-13 lead for the first time – with just seven minutes to go on the clock.

Ireland, though, showed they were not finished yet, and back from the wilderness wing Tom James was forced to make a try-saving tackle; while returning full back Liam Williams, who had a surprise late call-up to replace the injured Gareth Anscombe, also played his part as Wales battled grimly to hang on to their slender lead.

However, in the end it was all to no avail as Sexton's accurate boot brought them level at 16-16, when a Welsh forward was penalised for straying offside, and after Priestland's last-gasp drop goal attempt failed, the final whistle blew. In a no-holds-barred contest, in which both sides had defended manfully to the point of exhaustion, both Gatland and his opposite number, fellow Kiwi Joe Schmidt, reluctantly agreed that a draw was probably a fair result.

The day before, a strangely-garbed French team had huffed and puffed to edge out Italy by the slenderest of margins (23-21) in Paris, but should be found out by an Ireland side determined to get their championship defence back on track this weekend.

Meanwhile, in Edinburgh, a methodical, but hardly new-look England side did what was needed to defeat a tame Scottish challenge (15-9), and will expect to rack up points against Italy to continue their mini revival under new Aussie head coach, Eddie Jones, after the World Cup humiliation which cost the job of their former coach.

In contrast, the wounded Scots will be desperate to pick themselves up and show that their World Cup heroics were no flash in the pan when they face Wales in Cardiff on Saturday at the newly-renamed Principality Stadium (kick-off 4.50pm).

However, they will be up against a frustrated Welsh camp kicking themselves for letting the very real prospect of a fourth Grand Slam and a Triple Crown slip through their fingers in the Dublin rain – and the Scots can now expect a torrid backlash, with Wales reasserting their claim for the 2016 championship in the first of three home matches that give them the perfect opportunity to redeem themselves.

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